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* SHANNON	4362	F. Cole	29th "
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YARRA	4,255	Y	9th May. 1899
SALAZIE	4,255	Negre	6th June 1899
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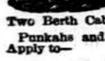

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VERSUS

LUKHMIDAS RAMJEE KHATAO, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Dana Bunder, outside the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendant.

WHEREAS by a decree made in the above Suit on the 16th day of September, 1897, it was "inter alia" ordered that the rent due (on the leasehold lands hereinafter described) up to the 15th day of September, 1897, amounting to Rs. 3,651-3-0 be paid by the Defendant to the Plaintiffs or their Attorneys within two months from the sealing of the said decree and that all costs of the plaintiffs including those of the lease when taxed between party and party or between Attorney and client be paid in equal moieties by the plaintiffs and the defendant.

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Guns to the Front	Stanley L Wood.
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Omdurman (Charge 21st Lancers)	Stanley Berkeley.
Atbara (Charge of the Camerons)	do.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Love Letter	By Luke Fildes, R A.
Order of the Bath (Dogs)	C Burton-Barber.
For the Safety of the Public (A Pup muzzled)	E Caldwell.
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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT.—Mr. J. L. Britto has been appointed to act as Assistant Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, during the absence of Mr. K. F. Modi, who has obtained privilege leave for five weeks.

THEOSOPHICAL LECTURE.—A public lecture will be delivered by Dr. Dinshaw Pestonji Ghadiali, electrician, in Gujerati, at the Bhavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Bombay Branch, 37, Hornby Road, Fort, at 6 o'clock, this evening. Subject: "Human Nature."

YACHTS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.—Messrs. Raja Deen Dayal and Sons have now completed a handsome series of photographs of the yachts and smaller craft taking part in the recent regatta. The photographs are wonderfully well taken, not only the craft, but the owners and those who sail them being easily identified.

COSTLY INTERFERENCE.—Gasmahomed Fezbux, a Mahomedan, was, on the night of the 27th ultimo, going along the Yacoob Street, when, seeing a man being assaulted by two Mahomedans, he went to his assistance. The assailants thereupon turned upon the intruder and belaboured him with sticks. The police removed the complainant to the J. J. Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the left arm. The assailants have absconded, and are being sought for by the police.

RAID ON A GAMBLING DEN.—Before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Gannon prosecuted Jiva Shamat and four others, charging the first accused with keeping a common gaming-house at Duncan Road, and the rest of the accused with gaming therein with cards, dice and money. In consequence of certain information received, Inspector Gannon, armed with the Commissioner's warrant, proceeded to the house on Tuesday night, and arrested the accused in the act of gaming. The keeper of the house was fined Rs. 15, another accused Rs. 5, two others Rs. 2 each, and one was warned and discharged.

SUICIDE OF A LEPER.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the Coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at Dockyard Road, Mazagon, touching the death of Jankibai, a leper woman, aged fifty years. The deceased resided with her son, Succaram Abaji, at Babulla Tank Road. About three months ago, she was attacked with leprosy, in consequence of which she left her son's protection, and had since been wandering about the town. She was tired of life. On Tuesday, her body was found floating on the surface of the water in a well at St. Peter's Girls' School, at Mazagon. The body was then identified to be that of the deceased. There were no marks of violence on the body. A verdict of suicide was returned by the Jury.

A WARRANT OF ARREST.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, an application was made at the instance of the Collector of Customs for a warrant against one Sorabji Ruttonji Mehta in connection with certain frauds. It was stated in the information filed by Mr. H. Crawford, Assistant Collector of Customs, that Sorabji, who was employed as a clerk in the firm of Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Co., fraudulently cleared from the Customs House without payment of duty four cases containing certain goods, such as lamp shade, camera, books, &c. The cases were cleared on the presentation at the Customs Gate of a bill of entry purporting to have been signed by Mr. H. Crawford, which, as a matter of fact, was not signed by him and is believed to have been forged by Sorabji. The application was granted.

AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Kaba Hamir, a Mahomedan, having no occupation, was charged with causing hurt to Bhicoo Luximon, a Hindu, by means of a brick. On Saturday afternoon, complainant went to his landlord, who resides at Old Nagpada, and while he was talking with him about engaging another room, accused came up and interfered in their conversation. The complainant told him to keep aside for a moment. The accused thought himself insulted, and becoming excited, picked up some bricks, which had been heaped up on the verandah of a house, which was in course of construction, and threw them at complainant. One of the bricks hit complainant on the head, and knocked him down on the road. The man bled profusely from the wound, and was picked up in a semi-conscious state by the landlord. The police coming upon the scene, removed complainant to the J. J. Hospital. His assailant, who had absconded, was arrested by the police the same evening. The accused pleaded not guilty, but called no evidence. The Magistrate, in convicting the accused, remarked that it was an unprovoked assault, and sentenced accused to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

NEW SERVANT ROBBING HIS MASTER.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Meyers prosecuted one Vishwanath Juggonnath, a Hindu, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, on a charge of stealing a gold neck ornament and cash, of the collective value of Rs. 80-4, belonging to Jivandas Purshotum. Complainant resides at Worlee. About a week ago he engaged the accused in his employ as a domestic servant. On the morning of the 25th ultimo, complainant went to the rear of the house, leaving his bunch of keys on the bed. When he returned to the room a few minutes after he found the accused had disappeared. Complainant's suspicions were aroused, and on examining the box containing the property mentioned in the charge discovered the theft. Complainant made a report to the police, and the latter arrested the thief on Monday morning last. After his arrest, accused made a statement which led to the recovery of the property, of the value of Rs 40, from a house at Bandora. At the conclusion of the case, Inspector Meyers informed the Magistrate that the accused had been in jail thrice before on a similar charge. His Worship sentenced the accused to be rigorously imprisoned for a period of one year.

A DISHONEST GOLDSMITH.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Shunker Juggonnath, a goldsmith, who is now a convict in Her Majesty's Common Prison, was charged before Mr. P. H. Dastur, with criminal breach of trust in respect of eleven tolas of gold and two gold ornaments, the property of Babul Narayen. The complainant is employed as a clerk in an insurance office, and resides at Moogbhat. The complainant in his information stated that he knew the accused, who had two shops, one at Bhuleshwar and the other at Moogbhat. About a year ago, he entrusted the accused with a quantity of gold and two gold ornaments, belonging to his daughter to be made into new ornaments, accused promising to return the new ornaments as soon as they were ready. Complainant waited for some time, but accused failed to fulfil his promise. One day complainant was going along the Moogbhat Lane, when he met the accused and taxed him about the ornaments. The accused said he would bring the ornaments in a few days. After a great deal of trouble and difficulty, the accused returned one of the new ornaments, promising to bring the remainder in a few days. Since that time complainant could not ascertain accused's whereabouts. Complainant subsequently learnt that accused had in a like manner swindled several of his customers of their ornaments and absconded from Bombay. One of the customers obtained a warrant from a Magistrate and had the accused arrested in his native country at Ratnagiri on a charge of breach of trust. He was brought down to Bombay, and on the 20th January, sentenced by Mr. P. H. Dastur to nine months' rigorous imprisonment. The complainant, on hearing the result of the case, obtained a warrant from the Fourth Presidency Magistrate. The warrant was executed in the Jail, and the accused was brought before the Magistrate. The accused in his defence urged that he had returned one gold neck ornament to the complainant and had now no gold in his possession. The Magistrate sentenced him to eight months' rigorous imprisonment, the sentence to take effect after the expiry of the sentence awarded to him in the previous case.

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THE INSOLVENCY OF COLONEL ANDERSON.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the Insolvent Debtors' Court yesterday. After the disposal of the ordinary business his lordship took up the hearing of the insolvency of Colonel Anderson and Mr. W. T. Lidbetter. Mr. Raikes appeared for Colonel Anderson, Mr. Manker appeared for Mr. Lidbetter, and Mr. Rivett-Carnac, instructed by Messrs. Wadia and Gandhy, appeared for the Thakore Saheb of Morvi, a creditor.

Colonel Anderson, further examined by Mr. Rivett-Carnac, said that if his wife had advanced the money for the purchase of English horses, that amount ought not to have been included in the item of purchase of horses in his schedule for 1896. He had taken twelve horses with him to England to deliver them to the purchasers. The money was sent to him after he had left. He knew that the firm was flourishing at the time, and he did not then make any inquiry. During the summer of 1896 Mr. Lidbetter wrote to him, asking him to come back to Bombay. He had written to him to say that the firm was not doing well in the absence of witness.

When did you become aware that the firm was insolvent?—A month before the notice of dissolution.

Who told you?—Mr. Lidbetter.

Did he tell you that the assets were not enough to cover the liabilities?—No, he told me that it was not good to go on with the business.

Did you in any way decrease your drawings when you knew the firm was in a bad way?—I can't say how much I drew. I did reduce as much as possible.

Witness, continuing, said that when the firm borrowed Rs. 50,000 from the Thakore Saheb, he did not know whether there was any money in hand. He could not tell whether the firm had any banking account in October 1895. He would not be surprised to know that the banking account with the National Bank showed a debit of over Rs. 5,000 at the time the sum was borrowed from the Thakore Sahib. He had made no enquiry as to the state of cash in hand or the banking account of the firm. He would not be surprised to find that his firm expended Rs. 50,000 in five weeks. He could say that the money went to the purchase of horses and advances to dealers.

His Lordship: Do you wish to suggest that the money was misappropriated by the insolvent?

Mr. Carnac: I mean to suggest that at the time the sum of Rs. 50,000 was borrowed, the firm was in straitened circumstances and the money was spent in paying the previous debts.

Witness, continuing, said that he thought of paying the Thakore Saheb out of the profits of the firm which was then doing a very large business. He did not know that his schedule showed that the firm worked at a loss in 1895. Now he knew that the firm had worked at a loss.

To what do you attribute the loss?—To famine and principally to plague. During the plague time no large buyers and dealers came to Bombay.

Do you seriously attribute your losses in 1895 and 1896 to famine and plague?—Yes, the famine and the plague had much to do with the firm's losses.

Witness, continuing, said that he believed that the firm made a loss on the first batch of horses bought. He believed that the firm made a profit in the purchase of horses in 1896, otherwise he would not have gone on with the business. He supposed that demands were made by the Thakore Saheb to pay the money back.

How did you propose to pay him the money back?—I don't know that.

And have you no recollection what answer you sent?—No.

Witness was here shown a letter in answer to the demand, and said that it was signed by Mr. Lidbetter.

The letters showed that you tried to pay the money by borrowing from somebody else?—Yes.

Did you try to borrow the money?—I did not.

Witness, continuing, said that after he filed his schedule, the books were lodged with the Official Assignee, and Mr. Lidbetter could have seen them. After the dissolution Mr. Lidbetter occasionally came to the stables. Mr Lidbetter did not join him in the schedule first as he said there was no occasion for him then. He could not say whether Mr. Lidbetter assisted him in amending the schedule. Mr. Wills had assisted him in preparing and amending the schedule. When witness called a meeting of the creditors, Mr. O'Brien appeared as one, and he believed that Mr. O'Brien had lent money to the firm Witness knew that Mr. O'Brien had lent money to the firm, but he thought that he had been paid.

Were you surprised to know his appearing as a creditor in April 1896?—I was not, as I knew that Mr. Lidbetter was doing business with him.

Do you know for much he is put down as a creditor?—I don't know, but I think that he was a creditor of the firm for Rs. 4,000 or Rs. 5,000.

Witness, continuing, said that he had presented another petition in his personal capacity, which showed that he spent Rs. 25,000 on his household expenses, but he had no documents or papers to show that.

In answer to questions from Salemahomed Allarakhia, witness said that he had purchased the pony Mulberry.

For how much?—Rs. 15,900.

Is it not the fact that that horse won the Civil Service Cup at Lucknow?—Yes.

And why are not the profits entered in the schedule?—Because it had nothing to do with Anderson and Company.

For how much did you sell it?—For Rs. 27,000.

On what security did you borrow money from the Thakore Saheb?—On two promissory notes of two lakhs of rupees.

His Lordship: Is the Thakore Saheb still secured by the notes?—Yes, up to the present moment.

In answer to Mr. Rivett-Carnac, witness said that the two notes were not bogus notes, but they are now time-barred. The two notes of one lakh of rupees each were given him to assist him in his business, and they were given to the Thakore Saheb of Morvi.

The Mulberry had been bought after the Poona meeting of 1895. He sold it in March the following year. He received the money by cheque, but on what bank he could not say. Out of the money witness paid for the purchase and expenses of the pony. Witness paid the balance of Rs. 11,000 to Mr. O'Brien. By expenses he means jockey's fees, travelling expenses, entries, betting transactions, &c. Witness was speculating on the pony, and he lost a good deal of money on it. In turf transactions no receipts are passed. Witness paid the whole cheque away, but on what bank he could not say.

From whom was it bought?—From Captain Kirk of the Lancashire Regiment. He got the purchase money from Mr. O'Brien, and witness gave him the whole cheque, but witness made nothing out of it. Between the time he bought and sold it to Captain Firman, the pony had won some six to seven thousand rupees. The money won went in railway travelling, jockey's fees, &c. The pony did not win a single rupee for witness.

Mr. Wilson Thompson Lidbetter was the next witness called. Examined by Mr. Rivett-Carnac, he said that he was an accountant and carried on business in the name of Lidbetter and Co. His father and Mr. Bhowram were his partners. He joined the firm as a partner about 1890 and the firm is still carrying on business. He left the partnership business of the firm in December 1894 to join Col. Anderson. He owed the firm about Rs. 7,000. His father was still alive. He had no money when witness joined the firm. Col. Anderson had no money, and they both started on borrowed capital. Neither had any money of his own. Witness first paid Rs. 7,200 as a deposit on the lease of the stables. His late partner, Bhau Raghoba used to advance witness monies as he required them from time to time. (Witness was here examined as to a list of books of the firm lodged with the Official Assignee.) Witness put in the first a number of personal loans made to him by his partner Bhowram Raghoba from time to time. He also put in horses which he purchased on credit for the firm, and other loans besides those from Bhowram Raghoba, as well as a loan from the late Khan Bahadur Dadabhoy Hormusjee Dubash. Witness put in a total of Rs. 40,000 including horses purchased from Tulloch. The loans from Bhowram Raghoba were personal loans to witness, either on receipts or promissory notes. Witness could not say whether the monies passed through the Bank; in some instances they did in others they did not. There was at that time only the National bank account. Witness had not seen any books since he left Anderson and Co. The pass books were at the firm's or with the National Bank.

Further enquiry was adjourned till this (Thursday) morning.

THE FIRST F. R. C. S. (ENG).

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—H. E. the Governor of Bombay, in his eloquent speech at the prize-distribution at the Grant Medical College, is reported to have said: "He (Sir Robert Grant) would have been no less interested and gratified to have been able to learn that one of the pupils of this college—Dr Massina—for the first time had become a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Surgeons)." The first pupil of the Grant Medical College, and L. M. & S. of the University of Bombay, who became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, was Dr. Francisco Xavier da Costa, of Goa and who I am credibly informed passed his first F. R. C. S. along with Colonel Hatch, the Principal of the Grant Medical College.—Yours, &c.,

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THE LATE MR. DHARAMSEY SUNDERDAS MOOLJI.

THE entire Bhattia community has been thrown into deep mourning by the untimely death of one of its most prominent members and leaders, Mr. Dharamsey Sunderdas Mooljee, which took place, early on Tuesday morning last, at his bungalow at Mahaluxmi in the thirty-fourth year of his age. He was a man whom to know was to esteem and respect—so great was his innate courtesy, geniality of nature, and generosity of disposition. He shewed considerable shrewdness and business aptitude of a high order in managing the extensive transactions of the well-known firm of Messrs. Mooljee Jaitha and Co. On the death of his father, in 1875, Mr. Dharamsey received his early training under his grand father, Mr. Mooljee Jaitha, and his uncle, Mr. Valabhdas Valljee. In about twelve years, that is in the year 1887, Mr. Dharamsey took upon himself the management of the affairs of the firm and of the several mill and press companies in their charge, and justified by the results the high expectations founded upon his wide knowledge of financial and commercial affairs. Mr. Dharamsey was a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Bombay Millowners' Association. He successfully managed, with the assistance of his brother, Mr. Goverdhandas, the business of the Ma[illegible]he Jalgaum, the Sunderdas, and the Madras United Mills, and two press companies in addition to the Mooljee Jaitha Cloth Bazaar. He was also the agent of the Budneira Mill, but the business had not yet been transferred to his hands. He also managed the business of several ginning factories and presses in the mofussil. He leaves behind him a widow, a son and a daughter, and a brother and sister. Out of respect to his memory, the Mooljee Jaitha Cloth Bazaar, all the mills and establishments under the management of Messrs. Mooljee Jaitha and Co., the Cotton Bazaar at Colaba, and the Exchange Room were closed on Tuesday.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the court yesterday.

RE MOOGHIVAHU.

Mr. Inverarity, for the insolvent, moved absolute the rule *nisi* granted on the 15th of February last, calling upon the petitioning creditors to show cause why the order of adjudication made on the 13th of February should not be set aside. Mr. Daver, for the petitioning creditors, moved for a week's adjournment of the hearing on the ground that Mr. Hiralal, who was the solicitor in the case, and who was made aware of the circumstances connected with the partnership, was very ill and unable to attend to the matter. His Lordship adjourned the rule till Monday next.

RE KAIKHOSHROO CURSETJI NARIMAN.

Mr. Ardeshir Kapadia, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained two month's extension of the interim order with leave to amend the shedule and to serve notices.

RE ABDULALLI EUSUFBHOY.

Mr. Manker, for a creditor, moved absolute the rule taken out on the 18th of January last, calling upon the insolvent to show cause why he should not deposit his books of account from 1891 to 1894. Mr. Raikes, for the insolvent contended that the books had already been lodged in the office, and asked that the rule should be discharged. His Lordship after examining the insolvent, discharged the rule.

RE SARUPCHAND NANABHOY.

Mr. Ardeshir Kapadia, for the insolvent, moved for two months' adjournment of the rule *nisi*, with leave to serve notices. His Lordship granted the application.

RE NASSARBHOY KARAMSEY AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained two months' extension of the interim order which expired.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents received their discharges—Motabhoy Edalji Anklesaria, Dayanath Ganuba; Ganpatrao Manekji; Jagannath Pandurang; Manekji Dossabhoy Vacha; Vaiji Ockaji; Manorji Dhanjibhoy Daver; Laxmandas Tulsidas; Nana Mahipati and another; Janardhan Balwant Bapuji Girdhar; Laxman Sadanand; Vassanji Dossa Sakharam Tatia and Narayen Mahlarao.

BOMBAY 9TH EXTRA MEETING.

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4 H H Aga Khan's b aus g Beadsman
5 H H Aga Khan's b aus g Raidlity
6 Captn Benn's bl aus m Antoinette
7 Mr Mc'ausland's b aus g Captn Cook
8 Mr A M's b aus g Marwari
9 Mr Lyndon's br aus m Clarice

The Club Stakes—Distance 1 1-4 miles.

1 H H Aga Khan's b a g Helios 14 hands
2 H H Aga Khan's g a h Meheraz
3 Mr Ali bin Amir's b a g Hyderi 13 3
4 The Chief of Kaga's g a h Shanavaz
5 Mr F Gordon's c a h Inkerman
6 Mr Finch's c a h Brandy aged
7 Maharaja Kolhapur's g a h Martaban
8 Mr Shaik Esa Khalifa's b a g Nepal
9 Mr Mahamedaly Limalji's g a g Rubdan 13 3 1-2 4 yrs
10 Mr Lyndon's c a h Eclipse 4 yrs
11 Mr Lyndon's b a h Valma aged

The Leger Stakes—Distance 1 mile

1 Mr D D's b a g Phelwan 13 2 3-4
2 Aga S Shah's c a g Invincible 13 2 3-4
3 Mr Ali bin Amir's b a g Hyderi 13 3
4 Mr Ali bin Amir's c a g Peterborough 13 2
5 H S A W's a g a g Goldfinch 13 3
6 Mr Abdool Aziz bin Saif's g a p Ansiza 13 2
7 Mr Sutherland's b a g Goldfinch 13 2 1-2
8 Chief of Kagal's b a p Special 13 2 1-2
9 Mr A M Bushari's g a g Liverpool 13 3
10 Mr Lyndon's b a p Centaur 13 2

The Spring Stakes—Distance 6 furlongs.

1 Mr Hajee Ismail Sait's b aus g Ocean 13 3
2 Mr D D's c aus g Freddie 13 3-4
3 Mr Lyndon's b aus m Warcss 13 3
4 Major Gough's c aus m The Fawn 13 2 1-2
5 Mr Finch's ch a h Brandy aged
6 Mr Finch's br aus g Eric 13 2
7 Mr A Martin's b aus m Alma 13 3 1-2

The Pony Trials—Distance 6 furlongs.

1 Mr A Sattar's b aus m D V
2 H H Maharaja Kolhapur's c a p Pannla
3 Mr Artem A Essajee's ch a p Chester 13 0 1-2
4 Mr Abdool Aziz bin Saif's g a p Anaiza 13 2
5 Mr Finch's b aus g Eric 13 2
6 Mr Gordon's b aus m Luera 13 2

Selling Race—Distance 1-2 mile.

1 Mr Ali bin Ameer's c a g Solicitor Rs. 600
2 Mr S A W's b a p Giffard 13 0 1-2 Rs. 700
3 Mr Imamfally Mahamed's b a p Driver 13 1 3-4 Rs. 600
4 Mr F N D's ch a p Bonny Boy II 13 1 1-2 600
5 Mr Finch's b a g Massowah 500
6 Capt Purvis's g a p Moonlight 13 2 500
7 Mr Hamood aboo Shaba's b a p Mutlag 13 1 500

Amateur Plate presented by H E the Governor—Distance 7 furlongs.

Mr A M Moen's g a g Reporter 13 2 3-4
Mr Kelly's c a g Fareed 13 2 3-4
Mr Street's c a o [illegible]uskerry 13 1 3-4
Mr A V Courage's g a g Cypress 13 3
Mr A V Courage's c a p Sonoreil 13 1 1-2
Mr Benn's g a p The Clown 13 1 3-4
Lieut Col Montee-h's b aus m Janie 13 1 1-2
Mr Bland's b a p Brat 13 2
Mr Bland's b a p Gholib 13 2 3-4
Mr W A Macleod's g a p Murfus 13 2 7-4
Capt B Levet's b e m Lily of the Valley 13 2
Capt A Young's g a g Electric 13 3
Capt Greig's g a g Scarecrow 13 3
Capt Greig's b a p Grilz 13 1
Capt Wilkinson's g a g Moslam 13 2 3-4
Mr Lyndon's b a p Royal 13 2

HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY.

The Sandown Stakes Distance 5 furlongs		The Club Stakes. Distance 1¼ Mile	
Beadsman	10 3	Martaban	9 7
Rapidity	9 4	Eclipse	9 3
Roy	8 13	Meheraj	8 10
Cornalla	8 8	Brandy	8 7
Clarice	8 5	Hyderi	8 7
Marwarri	8 4	Shanavaz	8 6
Captain Cook	8	Inkerman	8 5
Redoubt	8 0	Helios	8 5
Antoinette	7 1	Nepal	8 2
The Leger Stakes Distance 1 Mile		Valma	7 13
Hyderi	9 9	Rubdan	7 10
Liverpool	8 13	The Spring Stakes. Distance 6 furlongs,	
Pretender	8 12	Warcss	9 10
Midnight	8 10	Ocean	9 7
Centaur	8 1	Eric	8 11
Phelwan	7 11	Freddie	8 1
Special	7 10	The Fawn	7 11
Invincible	7 4	Alma	7 8
Anaiza	6 12	Brandy	7 4
Goldfinch	6 7		

The Pony Trials—Distance 6 furlongs, Eric 9 10, Lubra 8 8, D V 7 13, Panala 7 10 Chester 7 8 Anaiza 6 10.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

MR. IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA presided at the weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Corporation, held yesterday afternoon, in the Municipal Hall. There were also present Messrs. Hartley Kennedy, T. W. Cuffe, G. W. Roughton, Mulji B. Barbhaya, K. N. Kabraji, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, N. N. Katrak, Cowasji Hormusji, and A. G. Viegas. Mr. Harvey, the Municipal Commissioner, and Mr. M. N. Wadia, the Secretary.

FALLEN HOUSES.

The Committee recorded: Letter from the Commissioner, No. 39033, dated the 21st February 1899:—"With reference to the Standing Committee's Resolution No. 7847, of 21st December last, I have the honour to state that the total initial cost of the whole scheme in regard to measures to be adopted in the case of fallen houses and for the extrication of living persons or bodies overwhelmed in the debris is estimated at Rs. 8,000, to which a sum of Rs. 500 may be added as cost per annum for the payment of extra wages a day to the men of the Fire Brigade, Health and Engineering Departments, when employed on the work. The whole amount can be defrayed from Surplus Cash Balance."

PLAGUE EXPENSES.

The Committee considered Memorandum from the Commissioner, No. P-0471, dated the 27th February 1899:—Forwarding for the necessary sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation, copy of a letter to his address No. 10247, dated the 25th February 1899, from the Chief Accountant, as follows:—"With reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 6047, dated 3rd October 1898, sanctioning a further advance of Rs. 2½ lakhs towards Plague expenses, I have the honour to state that against the total sum of 36 lakhs sanctioned by the Corporation up to date, the actual expenditure up to 24th February 1899, including the recoveries already made from Government amounts to Rs. 35,42,009-15-5. This leaves an available balance of Rs. 57,990-0-6, which will probably suffice for expenditure up to about the 24th March next. 2. The recoveries still to be made from Government and Revenue on account of charges incurred on their behalf up to November 1898 may be put with safety at 2½ lakhs. When recovered this sum will go towards meeting the advance of 2½ lakhs made in Corporation's Resolution, No. 6047 of 3rd October 1898. In the Budget estimate for 1899-1900, a sum of Rs. 7,00,000 is provided for plague expenses, and I would ask that at the next meeting of the Standing Committee and Corporation, a further sum of say, Rs. 3½ lakhs be voted, to be met at present from the provisional grant of Rs. 10 lakhs sanctioned by Government, pending subsequent adjustment of this and the previous advances when the division of the Plague expenses between Government and the Municipality is finally settled.

The sanction asked for by the Commissioner was granted.

The Committee, after transacting other business, adjourned.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A. M., ON WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST OF MARCH, 1899.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calcutta standard, reduced to the same temperature M° and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade on a well shaded with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing ratio of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

Stations.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Rate per hour.	Temperature inshade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature inshade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Since 1st Nov. to date.	Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	30·052	Calm	2	79·6	48·2	57	...	0·50	−2·16
Sirsa	30·067	NW	5	83·3	51·1	31	...	0·31	−1·24
Delhi	30·003	W	3	81·2	56·1	32	...	1·40	−0·84
Agra	30·020	W	3	80·0	55·9	43	...	0·80	−0·20
Cawnpore	29·98	NNW	2	87·8	52·0	35

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 1.

AN advance of 5-16 per cent. brought the price of consols to 111 1-2 yesterday. French Rentes were 1-4 per cent. higher, at 103 1-4: and Paris Exchange on London 1 centime, at 25·19 1-2 fcs. Indian Sterling Loan remained at 117, and 3 1-2d per cent Rupee Securities at 87 1-8. There was no further alteration in 30 days' sight Exchange on India, Is. 3 13-16d. continuing to be the quotation. Bar Silver was 1-16d. dearer, at 27 7-16d per oz.; while in New York the price of the metal was unchanged at 59 1-2 cents per oz., demand exchange on London remaining at 4·86 1-4 dollars.

For Guzerat yellow Rapeseed 35 3-4 per 416 lbs. was quoted, February-March shipment, to Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk, sellers via the Canal, market quiet; for Linseed, 36 3-4s. per 416 lbs., March-April shipment, to Antwerp, business done via the Canal, tone of the market easier.

The total quantity of wheat afloat for the United Kingdom on Friday last was 2,280,000 quarters, compared with 2,090,000 quarters at the end of the previous week.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed steady yesterday. Surats quiet, Arrivals steady. Prices were unchanged all round. The day's sales were 10,000 bales, inclusive of 100 bales Surats; and the Imports, 14,000 bales. The Manchester market was firm. Ready Mid.—Uplands Cotton was without change in New York, at 6 9-16 cents per lb.; May Futures declined 2 points, to 6·26 cents, and August 1 point, to 6·26 cents also. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 29,000 bales; and the arrivals to date this season show the following comparison with those in 1898 and 1897:—

	1899	1898	1897
Tuesday's Receipts.	29,000	30,000	18,000
Three days' do.....	64,000	82,000	50,000
Since 1st Sept	7,127,000	7,353,000	5938,000

Locally the Cotton Market has been quiet in tone to-day, with prices generally unchanged. For Good Broach Rs. 59 1-2 per candy was quoted, and for Good Bhownugger, Rs. 139 1-2. Exporters bought 1,000 bales and the mills 1,150 bales.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton	16,183 bales.
Wheat	28,209 cwts.
Linseed	20,751 "
Rapeseed	4,151 "
Gingellyseed	8,510 "
Groundnuts	1,222 "
Castorseed	9,050 "
Rice	35,474 "

EXCHANGE opened steady in tone to-day at 1s. 4 1-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 3-16d. for three months' sight Credits, remaining thereat throughout the day with but little business reported either way, and closed as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s 4 1-32d per Rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s 4 1-32d "
Credits 3 months' sight	1s 4 3-16d "
Francs	1·70 1-4 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been firm at 100 11-16 and 100 7-8 for 3 1-2 per cents, for Money and Account, respectively.

SHARES are quiet. Currimbhoy Mill are Rs. 15 lower, Queen Rs. 10, and China Rs. 5; Manockjee Petit are Rs. 7 1-2 higher.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 2.

Before the Honourable Mr. Justice CANDY and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.

Appeals for hearing and final disposal.

977-10-97—Smetham B and N—Navazbai widow vs Ratonjee Jamsetjee Dubash and others—Pestonji R and K.

1000-101-98—F P Pavri—Hirjibhoy Cursetjee Bhandupwalla vs Barjorjee Sorabjee Ashburner and others—Mansuklal D and J—Pestonjee R and K—Crawford B and Co—Ardeshir H and D.

1007-99-98—Payne G and S—J E Sassoon and others vs Sir Jehangir Cowasjee Jehangir Ready Money—Pestonjee R and K.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice FULTON.

At 12 o'clock noon.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

477-98—Framjee and D—Rustomjee Pestonjee Hongkong walla vs Hajee Oosman Abba and others—D Bazonjee and Edgelow and G.

566-95—In person—Vazir Ahmed Moola vs Hormasjee Merwanjee Narsiwalla—Balkrishna V and K.

265-98—Payne G and S—Kika Khoosal and others vs Vithuldas Ramdas and others—Wadia and G.

189-96—Matubhai and J—Purbhudas Hemchand vs Chunilal Hemchand and others—Edgelow G and W and Chinis M and M.

342-97—Matubhai and J—Bhimjee Kerson and others vs Raojee Nanchand and another—Crawford B and Co.

277-9143—97—In person—Raojee Nanchand and another vs Bhimjee Kurson and others Matubhai and J.

148-98—Craigie L and O—Hajee Abdulla Hajee Abdool Satar vs Manmohondas Cassidass—Matubai and J.

382-98—Bicknell M and M—Bomanjee Byramjee and another vs Cursetjee M Bhesani and another—Craigie L and O and Bicknell M and M.

339-95—Balkrishna V N K—Wassoodew Ballajee vs Narayen Bhawoo and others—In person and K B Mehta.

60-93—Ardesir H and D—Kaderbhoy Mulla Hussonally vs Tyebjee Allibhoy and others—Crawford B and Co.

328-97—In person—Balshet Pandeyshet Sonar vs Mahadew Abbajee Kalay—K J Mantri.

For Trial of Issues.

339-84—Little and Co—L A Watkins vs C F Farran Ag Advocate General and others—E F Nicholson—Pestonjee R and K and M M Munshi.

Before the Honourable Mr. Justice STARLING.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Short Causes.

42-3—Craigie L and O—Hajee Abdul Hussein vs Tajee Noora—F P Pavri

126-98—Payne G and S—Girdhar Malla and others vs Cowasjee Bhimjee and others

For Investigation of Pauperism.

2-99—K J Mantri—Catherina DeSilva

80-98—In person—Fatmabibi alias Shalenabibi vs Fatmabibi and another

Long Causes.

211-97—Smetham B and Noble—Baboorao Dinajee and another vs Govind Dinajee and others—Dikshit and D and Captain and V

301-98—Balkrishna V N K—Krishnanath Raghunath vs Lakshmibai widow and another—Daphtary and F

450-98—Janardhan and A—Mahalal Purshotam vs Parakh Ambalal Sarabhai—Bhaishunker and K

537-97—Crawford B and Co—Gomer Rahimtoola vs Heeya Adam Hajee Mahomed and others Payne G and S and Bhaishunker and K

453-98—Nanu and H—The Bombay Land Improvement and Trading Coldvs Atmaram Bhagwan

Before the Honourable Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

Long Causes.

441-98—Payne G and S—Karamalli Rahimbhoy and another vs Ebrahim Rahimbhoy and another—Wadia and G. Part heard.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

MARCH 1.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, interrupted. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey interrupted. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Baamo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Tenerife, perfect. Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.

Telegrams for Nicaragua are subject to censure at San Juan Del Sur and accepted at sender's risk.

Communication with Visayas Islands Cebu, Negros and Panay interrupted temporarily.

Private telegrams in secret language can be accepted for Philippine Islands but are subject to censure of United States Government.

Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegram containing political news.

Till further notice telegrams in Code cannot be accepted for Bolivia.

Cable Dakar Bathurst interrupted.

Cable Paramaribo Cayenne interrupted, during interruption telegrams for Cayenne sent by post from Paramaribo.

Cable Newyork Haiti interrupted.

Turkish Route interrupted beyond Bagdad.

FOREIGN TELEGRAM REPORTS.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 1st March, 1899.

[Difference in Longitude allowed for.]

Via	Latest Dates D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
Turkey	...	...	...	...	...
Teheran	1	1	12 p.m.	...	21
Suez	1	3	0 p.m.	...	5

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. 1st March, 1899.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	2	39	...	1
" Karachi	0	14	...	2
" Madras	1	25	...	6

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CRADDOCK—February 22, at Delhi, the wife of H J Craddock, of a daughter.

GRIMLEY—February 25, at 9, Riverside, Barrackpore, the wife of Lieutenant Walter M Grimley, Indian Staff Corps, of a son.

DEATH.

MEADE—February 25, at 176-2, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta, of remittent fever, M Cecelia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J Meade, aged 17 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1899.

A CERTAIN missionary in China, the Rev. Arnold Foster of Hankow, after four or five years' cogitation, has published an Examination and Appeal on the Report of the Opium Commission and the evidence taken in India in 1894. By the very satisfactory method of making no reference to the evidence which shows that the use of opium is not so injurious, and the abuse of it not by any means so universal as excited missionaries have come to imagine, Mr. Foster has been able to concentrate his whole attention on such evidence as he considers points the other way. Upon that broad basis he has come to the conclusion that Lord Brassey's Commission ought to have prepared and submitted to Parliament a report diametrically opposite in tenor and tendency to that they did actually set their hands to. It is not by any means surprising that a Missionary in China should deem it his duty to prune and trim the evidence embodied in the Blue Book and from the remainder extract a great deal of comfort. The writer considers it to be quite a matter of course that a controversialist should not pay the slightest attention to evidence that tells against the side in which he is interested: "It is needless to say that the author does not here attempt in any way to state the pro-opium evidence that was before the Commission. No one questions for a moment that such evidence was submitted to the Commissioners in considerable quantity." And accordingly he passed it over in silence. With such an admission before them it is amazing that two Archbishops and a number of Bishops should have been innocent enough to affix their signatures to a statement recommending such utterly worthless special pleading to the attention of Government, Parliament, and the country. That the small fry of rural curates, Non-conformist Ministers in the provinces and country editors should follow the lead thus given need not excite surprise. But the Prelates are men of education, while the most eminent amongst them contributed to the Essays and Reviews a chapter that showed he was competent to weigh the value of evidence and impartial enough to refuse to accept preconceived views resting mainly on unverified assumptions. The value of the Rev. Arnold Foster's opinion on the opium question may be judged by his calm assurance that Great Britain can save the Chinese Empire from falling into ruin by withdrawal from all participation in the Opium trade. He says this in spite of the fact staring him in the face, that it is precisely in proportion to the decline of the imports of Indian Opium into China that the Celestial Empire has become so severely embarrassed, that its utter ruin seems to the Hankow missionary to be now imminent.

When the Indian revenue derived eight crores from the opium exported to China, that vast Empire was prosperous, respected and apparently secure. Now that the opium revenue has decreased to two crores and a-half and threatens to die out altogether, China is in such a pass that Russia practically annexes Manchuria, without even a protest; Germany takes over another great and wealthy Province, and the *Times* forbids the Empress Dowager to make any administrative change that British opinion does not approve. Some people of course might attribute these evidences of failing strength to the reverses experienced during the war with Japan. But as we are told that opium, and above all Indian opium, is the one source of the woes of China, we cannot fail to note that the decline, not the increase of the Indian opium exports to that country, keeps step with its decay. Mr. Foster does not venture even to assert that the total prohibition of the cultivation of the poppy in India would induce the Chinese Government to prohibit the cultivation of the poppy in China. Everyone knows that such a step would stimulate the cultivation of the poppy in the Chinese Provinces—and also in Persia. Not even a passing reference is made to the development in recent years of the exports of opium from Persia, all of which go to China. A particularly irrelevant sophism is supposed to meet the obvious argument that while China manufactures coarse opium on a vast scale and obtains large quantities of the finer description from the Persian Gulf, it is hopeless to expect that the cutting off of the Indian supply would deprive a single Chinese smoker of the pipe which to him is the one solace of existence. Sir Joseph Pease, M.P., quoted for the benefit of Lord Brassey a question begging passage from Dymond's "Essays on Morality" which treats the argument, that if China did not get opium from India she would supply herself with it, as follows: "Upon such reasoning you might rob a traveller on the road if you knew that at the next turning a footpad was waiting to plunder him. To sell property or goods for bad purposes because if you do not, somebody else will, is like a man selling his slaves because he does not like to keep them in bondage." He also likened it to selling a man arsenic or a pistol knowing that he intended to commit murder, because someone else might provide pistol or poison for money. Whoever is party to wilful murder by supplying a lethal weapon to commit the deed is guilty of murder and will be hanged in due course. Would even a Chinese missionary hang Lord Salisbury because he declines to prohibit the export of Indian opium? Hardly. Suppose total abstainers were to suggest to the French Government to prohibit the export of champagne and Gladstone claret to England, as the first step to save the English people from impending ruin by the drink curse, "and at whatever cost help them to shake off this great evil from which they are now suffering," what would be said of their sanity? Assuredly it would be felt on both sides of the Channel that the proposal shewed a marvellous incapacity for adapting means to ends. The only result of the impoverishment of the French growers of light wines would be such an increase in the consumption of beer and spirits as would appal Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

The author of the Examination and Appeal professes to leave the evidence accumulated by the Commission in respect to the use and abuse of opium in India severely alone. He remarks very truly that he has no Indian experience and is therefore not qualified to form an independent opinion as to the Indian side of the question. But he hints very clearly that had the Commission been endowed with his faculty for seeing deeply into things their report would have been in accordance with the opinion of Mr. H. J. Wilson, the solitary dissentient on the Commission, with whom alone is wisdom. It is interesting to compare these *a priori* notions with the experience of an actuary who has had to work out free from all prepossessions the actual facts as to the influence of opium on the health of the general public in India. The Oriental Life Assurance Company with eight crores at stake on assured lives has come to the conclusion after the experience of twenty years that opium-eaters are not injuriously affected by the use of the drug in moderation. During that time the company has not had any losses from the immoderate use of opium. In the first ten years of its existence the Oriental charged an extra premium on the lives of moderate opium eaters. The medical men employed pointed out that the precaution was unnecessary and for many years no extra charge has been made in such cases. Two per cent. of insurers take opium; their health is not impaired by the practice so far as can be judged by the results. Mr. M'Lauchlan Slater, in giving evidence before the Commission in 1892, stated that out of 779 lakhs of assurers for about twenty-seven lakhs of rupees up to the end of 1891, there had not been a single claim due to the use or abuse of opium. He is now able to affirm that up to the end of the year just closed, 1898, there has been no claim for European, Portuguese, Hebrew, Parsee, Mahomedan, Hindu, Burmese, or Singalese—all races are represented on the register—for deaths hastened by the use of opium. That experienced and cautious actuary concludes from his experience that opium taken in moderation is not injurious to life in India, Burma, or Ceylon. A missionary whose experience of India is *nil* is quite sure that opium is very injurious in this country and is the real cause of the gathering of the eagles over moribund China.

A LETTER recently appeared in the *Times* over the signatures of H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught, the Hon. Mrs. Neville Lyttelton, Sir William Bissett and General Bonus, appealing for subscriptions for the up-country Nursing Associations for Europeans in India, to which we are asked to draw attention. It appears that among recent contributions to the fund is a second donation of £30 from the Queen-Empress and a second donation of £15 from the Duchess of Connaught, and further subscriptions are now sought. For so great have been the demands on the Association, and supplies of money have run so short, that assistance is now somewhat urgently needed. Indian tourists and retired Anglo-Indians are particularly appealed to. The objects of the Association are to provide a more adequate supply of Nurses to be at the command of Europeans of all classes in up-country stations and elsewhere, and to this end to enroll every European resident, whether civil servant, political, or military official, merchant, engineer, planter, railway and other manager, and their employes as members, and yearly subscribers of a comparatively small sum to branches of the Association in their own district, thereby entitling them to the services of a nurse in illness, at a rate proportionate to their means. The Association has been of late rather lost sight of owing to the many other claims on the pockets of the charitable; and we fear that after the successful appeal by Mr. L. R. W. Forrest recorded in another column, for the St. George's Nursing fund, Bombay may not be able to respond very handsomely. So we appeal especially to our mofussil readers, who may pay into Messrs. King, King and Company or Grindlay, Groom, any amount they may in their generosity desire to give.

MR. SANDERS-SLATER has dealt very leniently with the cyclists who were charged before him on Tuesday with riding hands off. Those persons who indulge in this silly practice are guilty of a rash and negligent act, likely to endanger human life or to cause hurt and injury to other persons. Not even the most expert trick-rider will profess that he has such control over the machine when his hands are off the handle-bar as is necessary for the protection of pedestrians or for that matter, of vehicles, their horses and drivers, from injury. As Mr. Slater says, the right of an individual to make use of the public road is a limited right only. He is entitled only to make a reasonable use of it for the purpose for which it was made. He has no right to play antics on it to the public danger. But we do think it a little harsh of the Chief Presidency Magistrate to declare that a bicyclist who proceeds along the road at a moderate pace to any extent interferes with the rights of others. He interferes with the rights of others far less than the driver of two horses yoked to a carriage which one can draw. He has to pay a cycle-tax towards keeping the road in repair. He damages it far less than a pedestrian, and as a matter of equity is entitled to greater liberty in his use of the road than the man who travels afoot. However, that subject is not likely to stir up public feeling, the Chief Presidency Magistrate's observations notwithstanding. His leniency in letting off the first offenders with a caution is to be commended, and it is hoped that, finding they are held to be guilty of a negligent act in riding hands off, cyclists will discontinue the practice.

DISTRESS increases in Rajputana, over five thousand persons being now in receipt of famine relief, though upwards of four thousand people have emigrated from affected Ajmere and Merwara villages. No rain fell during the week but irrigation work continues and the condition of the crops is therefore generally good notwithstanding frost and hail which have injured them in two or three districts. Eight districts report scarcity of fodder though the condition of cattle so far is generally very good. As regards food-grains it is reported that prices are rising in six states. Bombay reports show that standing crops have been damaged by frost in parts of the Upper Sind Frontier and by rats in one taluka of Bijapur. American cotton has been blighted in two talukas of Dharwar. The harvesting of the late crops is progressing in seventeen and preparations for next season are being made in nine districts. Cotton-picking continues in parts of Guzerat and Kathiawar. Fodder is sufficient except in parts of Sind and Agricultural stock is healthy. Prices unfortunately have risen in seven districts and have fallen in only three. But there is not likely to be any serious advance. Elsewhere in India the agricultural outlook is fairly satisfactory.

LADY CURZON is so much better that on Monday she was able to take carriage exercise. Her Excellency will leave for Simla on Saturday next after attending the annual meeting of the Dufferin Fund on Friday evening.

THE Commander-in-Chief will leave Calcutta on the 3rd instant for Peshawar, and will pay a visit to Lundi Kotal. He will afterwards go over the Mari-Attock strategic railway and return to Calcutta on the 12th instant.

THE Bezwada-Madras Railway was opened throughout for passenger traffic on the 23rd February, one through train is now running from Madras to Ennur, and one from Madras to Waltair each way daily.

SIR ARTHUR HAVELOCK is now at Darjeeling on a short visit. He will return to Calcutta on Friday, but will proceed at once by river to Kola on the Rupnarain, whence he will journey by train to Cuttack and by the East Coast Railway to Madras.

MR. GREER has taken over charge of the Inspector-Generalship of Police in Bengal from Mr. E. Henry, who has proceeded to Rangoon to explain to the local officers his system of identification by finger-mark impressions.

REGARDING the outbreak of plague at Jeddah a report has reached the Government of India that one fatal case, had occurred there last week.

THERE is, the *Pioneer* says, but little chance of the scheme started by the Maharaja of Dholpur in 1897 for founding a scientific bacteriological institute for India being carried out. In fact it may be considered dead, as the Maharaja has found it impossible to obtain the 200 odd lakhs required to found and endow the institute though promises of support from ruling Chiefs were freely given at first. It is much to be regretted that the scheme has come to nought.

REPORTS from the Kurram Valley show that the Khani Khel Chamkannis have again assumed a threatening attitude towards the Turis whose village they raided a little time ago. A big body of raiders started, to come down the Karumna defile (memorable as the scene of the slaughter of the Kapurthala picquet in 1897) but were turned back by the Massozai tribesmen. They are now said to contemplate entering the Kurram by another route. Every precaution has been taken to check them.

NEWS from the Burmo-Chinese Boundary Commission confirms previous intelligence that the frontier line agreed upon by the British and Chinese Commissioners from the Namyang to the Salween varies considerably from the line laid down in the blue-book containing the Agreement of 1897, instead of tending south-east the line runs straight across from the head waters of the Namyang to Puhu Shan, takes in Mong-ka and the whole of a wide triangle. Apparently it is thought that all prospect of trouble is past for the mountain guns have returned to Bhamo and the escort of the commission has been reduced to 100 men. The bulk of the force is now marching from Namkham to Bhamo. The net result of the recent demarcation is that several hundred square miles have been added to the Northern Shan States.

A FIRE which might have had very serious consequences occurred on Sunday at the Jumna Bridge at Allahabad. It appears that as the down mail was passing over the bridge a burning cinder fell from the engine on a cart passing along the roadway beneath. The cart was loaded with hay, which immediately flared up, and the flames caught the woodwork of the bridge, destroying nearly half of the lower roadway of one of the spans, and igniting the horizontal timbers on the upper road on which the rails are laid. Had it not been for the very prompt action of the engineering staff a serious catastrophe must have taken place, and the whole bridge might have been destroyed. In that case all trains to Calcutta would have been obliged to run via Cawnpore and Lucknow and all trains to Bombay via Cawnpore and Itarsi. However traffic was only suspended for a few hours and there was no delay to the mails. The East Indian Railway remarks a contemporary is noted for getting over its difficulties easily and in connection with it we seldom if ever hear of the serious delays which sometimes occur on other railways in similar accidents.

WHETHER SIR ANTONY MACDONNELL'S visit to Calcutta was to discuss lawlessness in the North-West Provinces—or not, writes the "Englishman" we cannot pretend to say. The existence of disorder and serious crime in the provinces has been somewhat exaggerated, owing no doubt to the sensational murders at Agra during the stay of the Lieutenant-Governor in that station. Because dacoities occur in a certain district, it is unfair to blame its inhabitants, for the simple, but well-known reason that the dacoit rarely robs or murders in the vicinity of his real home. However to perform such exploits further afield, thus keeping in the good books of his immediate neighbours and increasing the difficulties in the way of the authorities striving to bring offenders to justice. When District Officials, the Magistrate and Police Superintendent, succeed in winning the confidence of the zamindars, there is seldom much trouble in tracking down dacoit gangs, or arresting individual badmashes in league with those gentry. Unluckily in this Kala Yug of perpetual transfers the officers referred to have seldom time to become properly acquainted with this class and the younger race of officials fail too often to comprehend the necessity for their doing so.

MADAME PATTI is spending her honeymoon in Rome; but before she left England she settled, it is said, 3,000*l.* a year upon her husband, Mr. Cederstrom. If this be the fact the bridegroom is to be congratulated. The newly-wedded pair, on their return, intend to spend a considerable portion of the coming season in London, where they have taken a house.

RAILWAY experts in England have taken the keenest possible interest in the recent railway race in America between Chicago and Omaha, and now that details of the American runs are known, there is on this side of the water a feeling of jubilation that our records have not been beaten. The first brief announcement that the American trains had run at the rate of 110 miles an hour was received by British experts with flat disbelief and it now turns out that the runs on the two railways for the 500 miles were at the rate of 49·28 miles per hour on one railway and 48·81 miles per hour on the other. This is a very considerable modification of the first accounts, and does not approach some of our own figures.

THE Czartorizski Museum at Cracow, which is now about to be opened, is, of course, devoted to Chopin, who taught a princess Czartorizski. In the collection is a sketch made by George Sand of Chopin wearing a blouse, and actually at work at his desk; the mask of Chopin, taken by George Sand's son-in-law, Clesinger, after the musician's death; the bust of the composer by the same artist, Ary Scheffer's portrait, and a quantity of autographs.

A PARIS correspondent writes:—Legal proceedings which are pending between a Parisian picture dealer and a carpenter have revealed a curious story concerning the discovery of a valuable painting, presumed to be a Raphal. The dealer required a very lagel frame, and was informed that the carpenter in question possessed such an article. On visiting the works shop of the latter, he found the frame, which surround an old picture, and purchased it for 20 frs., the carpenter telling him that he might take the canvas as well. This was thrown into a corner of the dealer's shop, and remained unnoticed until it attracted the attention of an artist friend, who took it home and cleaned and restored it, the picture being, it is said, recognised as a Raphael, a variation of the picture known as the Adam and Eve of the Vatican. The dealer found a purchaser for the canvas, who paid 80,000frs. for the same, and the carpenter, hearing of the sale, now claims that he never parted with the picture, and asks, at all events, a share of its value.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD HUNTER, Governor of Omdurman, was presented with the freedom of Lancaster on Jan. 31 at a brilliant civic function arranged by the Mayor, Alderman Bell. The gallant soldier was entertained on the previous night by Colonel Fitzherbert and the officers of the 1st Royal Lancaster Regiment, and on the 31st he met a distinguished company of Lancastrians at a lunch provided by the Mayor at the Town Hall. Sir Archibald Hunter's arrival was signalised by hearty cheering, by a vast crowd of people and after inspecting the company of Volunteers forming the guard of honour Sir Archibald was officially received by the Mayor and Corporation. At luncheon the distinguished soldier's health was enthusiastically drunk. At the reception following, the freedom of the city was presented in a silver-gilt casket, inscribed with English victories of the present century.

MISS BETHAM-EDWARDS, whose knowledge of France during the last thirty years is almost unrivalled among her countrywomen, has written a volume of her French reminiscences, which will appear early in the Spring, It contains many interesting particulars about the remarkable Frenchmen and Frenchwomen the authoress has known since 1870.

BOOK hunters will be tempted by the title "Book Auctions in the Seventeenth Century" a volume on which, written by Mr. John Lawler, will be published shortly by Mr. Stock. The volume contains curious information about early auctioneers and their business ways, places where sales were held, characteristic extracts from catalogues, and so on.

MR. HERBERT VIVIAN is making for himself a conspicuous place among the travelling Authors. His recent book on Servia, about as practical a book as any business man could wish, opened the eyes of market seekers as well as of lovers of the picturesque. His next book is to be entitled Tunisia and the Modern Barbary Pirates. It will soon be published by Messrs. Pearson.

THE first volume of Colonel H. B. Hanna's "History of the Second Afghan War" will be published by Messrs. A. Constable and Co., Westminster. It deals with the causes of the war, and the arrangements for mobilizing and concentrating the three columns on the frontier, preparatory to the invasion of Afghanistan.

MR. CHARLES A. WITCHELL, writing in the February issue of *Knowledge*, discusses the language, good and bad, of birds. Malice and love are not, it appears readily distinguishable by the tones of bird song. While the black bird, starling, chaffinch, and others may be pouring out the truest love-notes, the robin, thrush, hedge-sparrow, and others, though also singing, may be using the very "Billingsgate" of birds. If a singing robin be watched, and especially in autumn, he will be seen to attack any other singing robin which may be near; yet the birds will be singing all the while, and their songs will be like the ordinary songs of the species though a trifle sharper in tone. The music is evidently intended to convey the animosity of the birds. The hedge-sparrow twitters in quite a subdued tone when fighting yet it nevertheless seems to be singing. The willow wren sings its ordinary song when about to attack a rival. The chiffchaff however, does not employ his cheerful strain on the like occasion. The nightingale is somewhat pugnacious and I have several times seen two fighting (I once saw three), but no song notes were then given. In a few cases the combativeness of a bird is fairly well suggested by its cry—as occurs in the common fowl, whose crow is as defiant as a bugle blast. The cooing of a dove or the warbling of a fluent singer may seem to be as expressive as the purr of a cat, "but when attention is given to the actions which accompany the cries of birds, an observer finds that some very pleasant sounds are incidental to very unkind behaviour."

THE subscriptions to the National Memorial to Mr. Gladstone amounted up to Saturday Jan. 27 which is about one-half of the least amount which the Committee hope to have for the purposes specified — namely, monumental memorials in the three capitals, and a building for the library at St. Deiniol's. It is proposed to allocate a specific sum to the building for St. Deiniol's Library, and not merely to hand over to the trustees any balance that may remain after the statues are provided for.

ACCORDING to a Paris magazine, a young French artist, M. Gaston de Bermingham, has had an exceedingly lucky and interesting find. In the course of a recent journey through Spain M. de Bermingham lighted on what there is sound reason for believing is an unknown and genuine Velasquez. The canvas bears the life-size portrait of a man, and is in an admirable state of preservation. The work is a most powerful production in the best style of the master, whose imprint it bears, in every detail of design and colouring. The drawing of the head is particularly vigorous, while the flesh tones are as characteristic as possible of the great painter. Indeed, as to the remarkable qualities of the picture there can be no doubt whatever. All those who have had an opportunity of viewing it are agreed that M. de Bermingham has had the good fortune to unearth an artistic treasure which will have to be recognised as a notable addition to the all too limited number of works known to exist by the great Spanish master. The portrait has been submitted to several eminent judges, who have had no hesitation in expressing their belief in its authenticity.

DURING excavation in the Forum at Rome on Feb. 8, eight large blocks of marble belonging to a cornice of the Temple of Julius Cæsar were discovered. The blocks are deeply embedded in the earth in a position which they must have occupied since their fall from the edifice. It is expected that other discoveries throwing additional light upon the decoration of the temple will shortly be made.

IT is stated that an Austrian chemist, the greatest European expert on high explosives, has produced a smokeless powder which is as trustworthy and safe as common gunpowder. It is free from nitroglycerine, and overheating affects it very little. It is also cheaper than ordinary smokeless powder. The discovery has caused a sensation in continental military circles.

THE Trade and Navigation Returns for January are of a satisfactory character. They show that the imports have improved 1,287,000*l.*, or 3·2 per cent., while the increase in the exports is 1,115,000*l.*, or 5·8 per cent.—this although the number of working days last month and in January 1898 was the same. Pleasing as the export figures are, it is necessary to make a considerable deduction in order to arrive at a proper comparison, for the present return for the first time includes a fresh item in the form of "ships new (not registered as British)," the exports of which amounted last month to no less than 544,000*l.* This sum is about a-half of the total increase in the exports. Still, with this allowance made it is not a bad beginning for the new year to find that both imports and exports have improved about 3 per cent. Last year, taken as a whole, the imports improved 4·3 per cent., while the exports experienced a slight shrinkage of 829,000*l.*, or 0·3 per cent. As regards the exports last month, it is satisfactory to find that the shipments of cotton piece goods were well maintained—India took less, but China bought more to the extent of 219,000. The United States has also been purchasing a little more of our linens and wool stuffs. Machinery and millwork figure at a large increase of 356,000*l.*, but it must be borne in mind that business last year was suffering from the results of the great strike in the engineering trade. On the import side, a large increase of 958,900*l.* is seen in articles of food and drink (duty free); while the value of imports of metals has increased by 363,000*l.*, largely due to the enhanced prices of copper and lead. Raw materials for sundry industries show a falling off of 456,000*l.*, but of this about a moiety is traceable to the diminished imports of india-rubber; while the addition to raw materials for textile manufactures is no less than 1,324,000*l.*

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH.

MEMORIAL TO QUEEN AND PARLIAMENT

CLAIMING FREEDOM OF DOCTRINE AND CEREMONIAL.

LONDON, MARCH 1.

The English Church Union has decided to memorialise the Queen, the Archbishops, the Bishops and both Houses of Parliament denying the right of the Crown or Parliament to determine the doctrine, discipline and ceremonial of the Church of England.

The Union further declares that it is not prepared to barter the principles of the Church for establishment or endowment.

ILLNESS OF THE POPE.

ABSOLUTE REPOSE NECESSARY.

FEB. 28.

His Holiness the Pope suffered, to-day, from a prolonged swoon, and has been ordered to bed, absolute repose being enjoined.

THE POPE SOMEWHAT BETTER.

MARCH 1.

A bulletin issued this morning announces that his Holiness the Pope is somewhat better.

RUDYARD KIPLING'S CONDITION UNCHANGED.

At eleven o'clock last night Mr. Kipling's condition was unchanged.

CHINESE OPPOSITION TO RAILWAYS.

A mob of 200 Chinese have attacked the Railway works at Paoting-Fu on the Peking-Hankau Railway and destroyed a large quantity of material.

THE OUTRAGE ON GERMANS.

GRAVE CONSEQUENCES THREATENED.

The German men-of-war now at Manila are probably going to China consequent upon the outrage on Germans in Tientsin.

Herr Von Buelow, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a speech in the Reichstag said that unless the culprits were severely punished, or if the outrage was repeated, China would incur grave consequences.

THE ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT

A LITTLE NEBULOUS.

Referring to the Anglo-German agreement, Herr Von Buelow said that it deals rather with future contingencies than with actualities.

ADDITIONAL HONOUR FOR THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Captain Hope Ruthven for distinguished gallantry in the action at Ghedaref on 22nd September last.

SLATIN PASHA.

Slatin Pasha has had the honour of dining with Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor.

GOLD FOR INDIA.

The P. and O. s.s. Britannia has left Melbourne with £175,000 in gold for India.

JUDICIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN BURMA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 1.

The proposed Chief Court for Burma is now unlikely to come into being this year, as the legislation in the Imperial Council necessary for its creation has not yet been begun. The New Bench is likely to be made up of the Recorder of Rangoon and the Judicial Commissioner of Lower Burma, associated with a Third Judge, who has still to be appointed, and who may be either Barrister or Civilian, probably the former.

This will leave the Judicial Commissioner of Upper Burma undisturbed at Mandalay where his presence is required in connection with appeals from the more backward areas of the Northern Province.

SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notice has been given of several amendments in the Arbitration Bill which will be passed at next Friday's Council meeting, amongst them being one proposed by the Legal member, to make the measure directly applicable to Rangoon. The Carriers' Bill also will be passed, and the Select Committees reports on the Court Fees Bill and the Currency Notes' Forgery Bill presented.

The names of the Hon'ble Messrs. Chalmers, Rivaz, Allan Arthur, and Mehta are being added to the Select Committee on the Bankruptcy Bill.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Commander-in-Chief's visit to Peshawar is postponed.

THE ARBITRATION BILL.

RANGOON TO BE CONSIDERED A PRESIDENCY TOWN.

*CALCUTTA, FEB. 28.

It is understood that the Government of India have agreed to consider Rangoon a Presidency Town for the purposes of the Arbitration Bill now before the Legislative Council. The result of this is that the Rangoon commercial community will share directly with the Presidency towns of Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras in the benefits which the Bill confers, and the needs of which the Rangoon Chamber of Commerce were amongst the first to point out.

THE PAY OF THE BURMAN SERVICE.

An increase of twenty-five per cent. in the pay of members of the Burma Commission, to which the Government of India are understood to have agreed, is likely to take effect from 1st April next. The result will be to bring the pay of the Burma Service into a line with that of corresponding officers in the Punjab. The cost to Government will be about one and a-half lakhs against a surplus of some fifty lakhs, by which the Provincial revenues exceed the Provincial expenditure in Burma.

PLAGUE MORTALITY.

The official plague returns for the week ending last Sunday show 2,486 deaths in the Bombay Presidency, of which 955 were in Bombay city, 214 in Dharwar, and nine in Karrachi.

The Madras Presidency had 137 deaths, distributed amongst Anantapur, Bellary, North Arcot Salam and Kurnool districts. The Mysore States had 241 deaths, of which 207 were in Mysore City.

The Hydrabad States had 35 deaths of which thirty were in Liegungur district.

The Punjab had five deaths, all in Jullundur.

Calcutta had seventeen deaths, of which seven were doubtful.

The Central Provinces remained clear, and Rajputana had two imported cases.

MILITARY NEWS.

Major-General Galbraith, Commanding at Quetta, has proceeded on two months' leave, Colonel Bruce,

* Appeared in our town edition of yesterday.

19th Bengal Lancers, temporarily commanding the district.

Second Lieutenant W. B. Dunlop, Unattached List, officiates as Wing Officer, 14th Bombay Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Collins, from the Bhopal Battalion, has been appointed Commandant, Merwara Battalion.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel McSwiney, from Staff Captain, War Office, has been appointed Commandant, 1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent.

Lieutenant Atkinson, from 4th Bombay Cavalry, officiates as Squadron Officer, 2nd Punjab Cavalry. General Michell Commanding at Assam, proceeds home on three months' leave, on the 21st March.

Major Pinney, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General. Quetta, is granted eight months' leave to proceed home.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Sinclair becomes Assistant Secretary, permanently, to Sir George Luck.

PLAGUE IN POONA.

*POONA, FEB. 28.

Fifteen cases and 10 deaths were recorded in the city, to-day, the total mortality being 34. Five cases and 6 deaths in Sukarwar, and four cases each in Ganesh and Sadashiv Peths. Eleven patients were admitted in the General Hospital, six died, and 47 remain under treatment. There was one case and one death in Kirkee; and in the Poona district fourteen cases and ten deaths.

THE POONA ROBBERIES.

SUBEDAR GHAZAN KHAN THE DIRECTING POWER IN ALL ROBBERIES.

POONA, MARCH 1.

At the examination of Subedar Ghazan Khan, and the others, connected with the sacrilege and robberies committed in Poona, Privates Hydershah and Futeh Khan, all of the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, Hydershah made a confession, which was read out in the Court. He confessed that he was present at the robberies at St. Mary's School, and told stories of the other robberies. He asserted that the Subedar was the directing power in all robberies, and that Subedar Ghazan Khan took the proceeds of all robberies.

The case is adjourned.

DEATH OF MR. LEOPOLD TUCKER.

*RANGOON, FEB. 28,

A telegram received in Rangoon from Chungking announces the death there of Mr. Leopold Tucker, son of Major-General Tucker, commanding at Secunderabad. He was an assistant in the Arracan Company since 1886, and joined the Survey Party under Captain Pottinger, of the Royal Engineers, despatched by the Yunnan Company in connection with the Burma Railway extension at Tungning. He got unwell, and was forced to return, but got only as far as Chungking, where he died on Saturday last.

* Appeared in our town edition of yesterday.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PORT SAID, FEB. 28.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Matiana left here this afternoon.

NAPLES, FEB. 23.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Rewa left here this afternoon.

SUEZ, FEB. 28.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macrae, left here this morning.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macneil arrived here from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, this morning.

HONGKONG, MARCH 1.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Peshawur (extra) arrived here from Bombay this afternoon.

COLOMBO, MARCH 1.

Mail steamer Ballaarat from China arrived.

French mail steamer Jarra from Marseilles arrived.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Indus which left Bombay on Tuesday the 14th ultimo, at noon arrived at Marseilles on Monday the 27th ultimo, at 4 p.m.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer Bormida left Hongkong for Bombay on the 28th February.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

LONDON, FEB. 28.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats quiet.

Good Bhownuggur 2 27-32.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2½ per cent. Consols	111 1-2
3 per cent. Rentes	103 1-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	117
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	67 1-8
Bar Silver	27 7-16

THE "TRUTH" ABOUT THE UGANDA RAILWAY.

"A MOST OUTRAGEOUS LIBEL."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I do not think it right to allow such statements against the Uganda Railway, quoted by you, from *Truth* on the 23rd February, to pass unnoticed. The promoters and executive officers no doubt can afford to pass many a merry hour laughing over these foolish, nonsensical statements, but I think it only right to correct them. The writer states that only 2,000 of the 8,000 coolies could be accounted for. The remaining 6,000 "must naturally have left their bones to whiten in heaps along the line, and from the assertions of the eye-witness, heaps of whitening bones have been met with." Now to start with the writer has unconsciously, in his first assertion about the line being pushed forward with only 2,000 men, given the Railway great credit, indeed, whereas his intention was to run it down. He did not for a moment consider that for 2,000 coolies to construct a Railway, at the rate of 20 miles a month, would be an impossible feat. In the first place there are about 2,000 coolies under canvas at the actual rail head alone, 3,000 coolies ahead of them again, cutting the jungle and throwing up embankments, etc., a couple of hundred engaged with the final survey parties, about four men a mile on the maintenance of the 270 miles already laid which alone accounts for 1,080 men; over 1,000 in the various stores, sheds and workshops on the coast. Now I will account for the heaps of whitening bones which our "eye-witness" came across. Perhaps it is not generally known that most of the transport in East Africa is done by porters. The goods for the interior are made up into 60 pound-loads and these loads carried by the porters. Oxen do not take kindly to the country: cattle plague, rinderpest and tsetse fly carry off hundreds; in fact, all our transport camps are marked by a couple of heaps of whitening bones of dead donkeys and oxen, so I conclude that our eye-witness must have accidentally dropped across a couple of old Transport camps, and mistaken the skeletons of our unfortunate donkeys for the whitening bones of his fellow creatures.

Now about the wooden bridge across the strait. Did the writer really mistake the temporary bridge at Macupa for the permanent crossing? Surely, he met the old Punjabi watchmen on either side of the bridge. These old fools could have told him that Macupa was only a temporary crossing, that it would have been utter folly to have delayed the progress of the whole line until the permanent girders were erected. I hardly think it necessary to say any more. I might mention, however, that the writer errs again when he said the line between the Coast and Voi (mile 100) swarmed with lions, leopards etc. Such wild aminals may be met with occasionally, but not till past mile 130. Again the writer omitted to state that there were half-a-dozen European Medical officers, a dozen Assistants, a hospital with each large camp of coolies, and beautiful large European and Native hospitals at the coast. That the coolies get 12 Rupees a month, 45 lbs. flour, 3 lbs. ghee and curry-stuff free; are allowed lime-juice, sugar, and condensed milk when in hospital; allowed to work by contract; can earn at times from 30 to 40 Rupees a month. Perhaps all this did not interest him, but should interest the Bombay public.—Yours, &c.,

R. O. PRESTON,
Foreman Plate-layer, Uganda Railway.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE PASTEL EXHIBITION.

DR. JOACHIM'S RETURN.

THE CARL-ROSA OPERA COMPANY.

DECLINE OF THE OLD-FASHIONED MELODRAMA.

LONDON, FEB. 10.

It is now eleven years since Londoners were invited to an exhibition of works, produced in a medium with which an earlier generation was very familiar. The collection shown at the Grosvenor Gallery in 1888 was followed by another exhibition in 1889, and then somehow the project of an annual show collapsed. The cult of the pastel has with the public ever been rather a matter of fashion, its popularity rising and falling with the career of a few artists who showed themselves masters of it. Here in England we have had Russell, whose fame has outlived his century, but another contemporary Academician, Francis Cotes, had a great vogue in his day, but seems already forgotten. In France, however, the art has had more steady support. Some of the best things in the present Exhibition have been sent over from Paris. Some of the greatest Frenchmen of the eighteenth century—Nattier, Boucher, Greuze, the Vigees, Latons—were masters of the crayon. One can easily see, here on these walls, what a seductive medium this coloured powder is. How rapidly an impression can be seized and a fugitive effect arrested and accorded! The facile artist can do what he likes with that dry colour, removing, superseding, retouching, elaborating. The handicap of technique which weighs so heavily on the painters in oils is taken away or, at least, materially lessened. The best part of the portrait may be done almost in a single sitting, the landscape effect in an afternoon's outing.

What strikes one most in the present exhibition is, first, the superiority of the foreign schools, and then the great range which this medium permits to the painter. To take the last point first. The contrast is very remarkable. Here are delicate little landscapes by Mr. Brabazon, exquisite in their purity of colour, as pure and dainty as a Turner water-colour, miniatures almost in scale and large in effect, and close to them—at the foot of the East Room—is Mr. Rolshoven's large composition of a reclining nude figure worked almost up to the strength of oils. It is to be praised for many qualities, and amongst them for the modelling of the figure and the disposition of it in a pose so well arranged, and yet presenting great difficulties of draughtsmanship, which the painter has met and mastered. And, in the same room we have passages by Mr. Alfred Elias, who can paint the cool airiness of a spring day convincingly, portraits, lamp-light effects, snow scenes, and even flower pieces. Nothing that occupies the painter in oils seems to come amiss to the painter in pastel, and yet he is always most successful when his drawing most distinctly asserts the medium he has used. But long before the visitor has reached this third and best room, he will have been struck with the contrast between the work of foreign masters and our own. It is a contrast chiefly born in conception, but largely also in execution. The foreigners see their subjects more largely; if they paint landscape they wrap it in air, if they paint figure they conceive it not for mere portraiture or accuracy of feature, but as a whole, or as an impression of a whole. And, then, they always use pastel, so as to bring out the qualities of the medium. There are some things in this exhibition which are subjects that the painter might have done in oils, only that he happens to have done them in crayon, and in which his chief object seems to have been to make the crayon look like oil.

Some very beautiful colour scenes will be found amongst the portraits. Mr. Wm. Stott has got a delightful little upright, of a blonde-haired child standing at a door, with one hand on the handle of it, the other holding has a full length which has all the elegance awkward grace of childhood, and at the same time gives a delightful harmony of pink and warm dove-colours and black. Mr. Llewellyn has a full length which has all the elegance and distinction which he brings to his portrait of ladies. The picture deals with mingled lights, and their reflections, and with an attitude that is momentary. A beautiful young woman, erect at full height is kindling a Chinese lantern and the ruddy glow of the other lanterns, falls upon her face silhoutted against the flare of the evening sky seen through the conservatory casement, while in the lower half of the picture plants and flowers lose their colour in the general half tone. In the centre room Mr. Boughton has a group of portraits, studies, and colour effects. Nothing can be more delightful than an arrangement of pink and warm white—a young girl muffled up against the cold, tripping briskly along through the misty winter afternoon, with snow on the ground and the feeling of it in the air. He is a painter who sees in tones and in tints. Tone is what he has sought for in the head "Isobel" but the characteristic head "Miss Irene Vanbrugh" is a very striking likeness. The intense regard of the dark eyes and the sweep of the upper eyelid—noted as points of distinction, and the vitality of the face heightned in its effectiveness by the very contrast with the slightly-treated gauzy chiffon of the dress. Here portraiture was the chief object.

As the result of negotiations which have been in progress some time, Dr. Osmond Carr will on Monday resume the proprietorship and direction of the Carl Rosa Company. It is greatly to be regretted that this arrangement was not come to at the beginning of the year, for during the Lyceum season, which ends to-morrow night, the want has seriously been felt of an experienced and responsible chief, empowered to go to the necessary expense of increasing the repertory and reinforcing the troupe in order to bring both up to the metropolitan standard. A company formed for touring purposes, and to give only seven performances in each town was obviously insufficient for a six weeks' season at one of the most important of the London theatres, the more especially as at the outset changes were twice made in the conductorship, and before the London visit had ended, the company had also lost its stage manager. Latterly, however, a good deal more enterprise has been shown and although both "Die Meistersinger" and "Diarmid" had to be abandoned, yet in the course of the forty-two performances eleven operas have been mounted, namely, Carmen, Faust," Lohengrin, Tannhauser, Bohemian Girl, Maritana, Il Trovatore, Pagliacci, Tristan and Isolde. The Lily of Killarney, and Cavalleria Rusticanna. Next Monday the successful provincial tour which was interrupted for the visit to London, will be resumed at Cardiff and it will be continued until the late spring.

Father Perosi, endowed with the enthusiasm of youth, obviously believes in hard work. Not content with producing no fewer than four oratories last year, he is now engaged upon a fifth, which we have authority to state is on the subject of the Nativity. Indeed, the opening part, entitled, The Annunciation, is practically finished, and the oratorio will be produced for the first time at Como in September. A Naples correspondent writes that the new oratorio, which is entitled Natale, starts with a prologue sung by the chorus, after which the Archangel Gabriel, a tenor, salutes the Virgin with the Ave Maria, which is taken up by an invisible choir of surrounding angels, while Mary piously answers, "Be it unto me according to thy word." The Archangel's reply narrating the descent of the Holy Spirit is said to resemble a triumphal hymn. Perosi intends to compose seven more oratorios, making a dozen in all, illustrating the life of our Saviour, and forming a sort of musical Passion Play. While he was at Milan, by the way, Perosi received a cordial message from Verdi, and went to visit the aged master. The interview is stated to have been of a most affectionate character, and before they parted Perosi played on the piano fragments of his latest work. Perosi's oratorios are all short, none of them being full programme works. This, however, will hardly excuse the extraordinary expedient said to have been adopted last week by a traveling Italian troupe at Amsterdam, when "The Raising of Lazarus," was followed, of all works in the world by "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Dr. Joachim is expected in London to-morrow, and on Monday he will make his re-appearance at the Popular Concerts, playing Brahms' sonata in A with Mr. Borwick, and in other works. There was a talk of his cancelling his engagements for a few weeks, owing to the death of Frau Joachim, but this would have caused a postponement of the Monday Popular Concerts, and his duty to the public happily prevailed over private inclination. Dr. Joachim will remain in London till Easter, residing at his brother's house.

M. Paderewski has resolved to return to England next month at the close of his Russian season, and Mr. Adlington, besides some London appearances, is arranging a short provincial tour for him. The popular pianist has already been received with the greatest enthusiasm in Warsaw, Lodz, St. Petersburg, Wilna, and Biga.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Edouin, better known to the play-going world as Miss Alice Atherton, which took place, after a very brief illness, in New York, on Saturday morning. Miss Atherton, who was for some years a leading member of the company of the Strand Theatre, of which her husband Mr. Willie Edouin, was the manager, was favourably known for her sprightly humour and her talents as a dancer, singer, and burlesque actress; but she had played with good effect in comedy parts. Many will recall with pleasure her quaint performance in the trio in "The Japps," with her husband and Mr. Lionel Brough some twelve or fourteen years ago. She played very prettily at the Royalty the part of Ivy Sherwin in M. Mark Melford's domestic comedy entitled "Ivy." One of her latest appearances in London was her performance as Maggie Welland in Mr. Yardley's musical comedy "On the March," at the Prince of Wale's. In this part she sang plantation songs, a class of ditties for which she had a special talent. Miss Atherton had returned to the United States sometime since to fulfil engagements there. Mr. Edouin, it will be remembered, is now playing the part of Hilarius the Dollmaker in "La Poupee," at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, where on Saturday afternoon, he received the mournful intelligence. Mrs. Edouin leaves behind her several children, among whom is Miss May Edouin, a clever young actress, who has inherited some of her popular mother's special gifts.

Old-fashioned melodrama appears to be in a declining way. "The Crystal Globe" at the Princess's with all its startling and harrowing incidents, has, after a very brief career, given place to the more truthful and, we will venture to add, more interesting Drury Lane-drama. "The White Heather," and, simultaneously with this, the production of "Le Roi des Mendiants," a piece of the same class, at the Ambigu Theatre in Paris, has provoked a vigorous remonstrance from the critics, who describe it as a farrago of all the melodramatist's most familiar incidents. Melodrama nevertheless threatens to be an unconscionable time dying. It must be nearly thirty years since a painstaking statistician reckoned up the sum total of murders in the late M. D'Ennery's dramas, and appealed to that industrious dramatist to say whether the time had not come to stop this dreadful carnage. The total, if our memory serves, was then 374—not to speak of suicides and other forms of violent death still more numerous. But M. D'Ennery held on his way, and died rich.

In like manner, another dramatic reformer long since suggested that certain too familiar phrases chiefly to be heard in melodramas should now be banished from the stage. He even drew up a brief list by way of a beginning, which was as follows: "Foiled! Aha! I see it all now. Monster! leave me: I would be alone. You shall bitterly rue this day. Another step and you are lost! Must we then separate for ever? I could have sworn you loved me. I will defend my honour with my life. Caramella, my darling, we part no more. Child, you know not of what you speak. Baffled! and by a boy—a beardless boy! Listen Margaret, I am not the man I was. Would you thus attack a defenceless woman? This then is the end of your boasted affection. For years I have hugged my awful secret to my breast. My time will come—and then beware! The blood of my murdered father cries aloud for vengeance. What is this? Blood! There has been foul work here. Ha! A knock! I must hide. But where? Ah, in this recess I will be unobserved, &c. Do not trifle with me, girl! You shall marry Herbert de Lancey, or leave my house for ever! I will go to him—I will fall at his feet—I will entreat him to give us time to pay the mortgage. Ere yonder sun has sunk behind the western hills. How cold it is! The wind cuts like a knife. My limbs are failing. O God! Must I die here alone? I am only a poor working girl, my lord; but, oh, sir, I had rather be that than what your gold would make me."

No more dreary waiting between acts—at least not at the Opera Comique during the evening performances of "Alice in Wonderland!" On Saturday afternoon it was announced from the stage that a new evening paper would henceforth be prepared and printed in the theatre every night for the special benefit of the spectators, among whom it will be distributed. It is claimed that it will be the smallest newspaper in the world; but it is nevertheless to comprise all the last telegrams up to the moment of sending it forth. Nor is this all; the ladies may be interested to hear that with this paper they will be presented each evening with a paper pattern which, unless managerial promises prove fallacious, will represent the latest Parisian fashions in dresses, supplied "by one of the leading modistes of the day."

THE MUSCAT CRISIS.

RETURN OF ADMIRAL DOUGLAS.

H. M. S. ECLIPSE, Captain Paul W. Bush, R. N., arrived in harbour, yesterday morning, with Rear-Admiral A. L. Douglas, Naval Commander-in-Chief, from Bushire, which port she left on the 24th February. After the recent affairs at Muscat had been settled, the Eclipse proceeded to the above place. On the return voyage the Eclipse called at Muscat, and the Admiral had an interview with the Political Agent, Major Fagan. On enquiry at the Admiral's office, Marine Lines, yesterday morning, our representative was informed that there was no fresh development or further information to add to that given in our issue of the 21st ultimo. The Admiral and suite landed at the Apollo Bunder privately, at about 10 a.m., and proceeded to the Admiralty House, at Marine Lines.

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY.

WE are requested to remind members of the Bombay Art Society and the public, that the Society's conversazione will be held on 13th instant, at the Town Hall, at 9-30 p.m., and that all intending subscribers should lose no time in sending their subscriptions to the Honorary Secretary, at the Elphinstone College, Fort. The prizes, we learn, have been increased this year, and the interest of the exhibition promises to be well sustained.

ARRIVAL OF NAVAL RELIEFS.

The P. and O. Co's. steamer Palawan, Commander R. A. Peters, arrived in harbour, yesterday morning from London with Naval reliefs for Her Majesty's ships in the East India Squadron, consisting of 4 officers, 11 petty officers, and 120 crew. The names of the officers are:—Mr. H. V. Thomas Lovett, Mr. D. W. S. Douglas, Mr. J. S. Morrell, and Mr. D. G. O'Connell. The above officers and about sixty-four men joined H. M. S. Eclipse last evening, and the remainder will be on board the Tennessee pending their despatch to their respective ships. The Palawan has also landed the following passengers who are proceeding to Calcutta:—Miss Johnson, Mr. D. S. Craik, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, and Mr. Macfadyen. The Palawan and weighed anchor proceeded on her voyage to Colombo soon after landing the passengers

PASSENGERS PER S.S. SINGAPORE.

THE following is the list of passengers per Italian steamer Singapore, Captain E. Pizzarello, sailing on the 2nd March at 10 a.m.

FOR GENOA.

Captain and Mrs W Crowder	Mr Dhurmsey
Lieut A Dane M D	Captain and Mrs Billingston
Mr and Mrs F G Self	Mr and Mrs Nash
Mr V A Self	child and infant
Miss M Self	Mr and Mrs Winge
Mrs E H Sharman	Mr F Gama Mirando
Miss Hogarth	Mr Sirdarkhan
Mr F D Pudumjee	Revl and Mrs Ihsan
Mr and Mrs L C Miller	Ullah and 3 children
Major J D Day	Mr P Herbert
Miss A M Benson	Mr and Mrs G Falletti
Miss Bradley	and 12 Deck
Mr Geo Hall	

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARTY.

MRS. DIMMOCK'S fancy dress party at St. Vincent's, yesterday afternoon, was crowded with young persons of every possible character and style. From fairy to clown, through all human gradations, and from butterfly to solid sturdy Tar, from Emperor to simple rustic maid, and from far Japan to Green Erin every clime and state was represented. One infinitesimal Gnome was a law unto himself and provided his own very interesting development of every game, unwearied and fascinating. The member of the Bombay Hunt, from hunting cap to horn, was perfect. A little Japanese, in her kimono and chrysanthemum-decked hair, was fetching; she handled her fan with the true Jap skill. A spirited young Jester enjoyed the fun of the scene, and a pretty Lamp shed her lustre round, while a merry black and white Pierrot was almost too active for his parents to keep up with him. He had an uncle who made an excellent Neapolitan sailor, and kept the gyrations of the Harlequin within bounds. The little maid from Erin was very sweet, her dress decorated with fine tropical shamrocks, and her green sash and fillet, controlling her soft fair curls, marked her as very lately from the Emerald Isle. Butterflies were there in brilliant dainty pairs, flitting gaily about. The sailors would gladden the patriotic hearts of the Navy League, so sturdy did they look. The three Napoleons showed that the Imperial legend is by no means extinct even in Bombay. Neapolitan Fishermen and Dancing Girls were gaily skipping round, in contrast to a sedate young person in grown-up white satin trained dress and high waist, who did her part of the formal days gone by to perfection, so sweet and serious did she look. A Beef-eater and a Fairy were well evolved in the same family and seemed equally happy. One Snow Queen reigned alone on the sunny afternoon. Little Boy Blues and little Bo Peeps were there in excellent couples, and Pierrots and Fairies were scattered freely round. One fine Jack Tar looked ready to save his little friend Red Riding Hood from any Malabar Hill wolf. A Pack of Cards, patience series, dealt himself round very fairly and skilfully. Cherry Ripe was a decided success, with a pretty pair of dainty white shoes. There was a very fine and fiercely armed Rajah and a lovely Houri-like young person, with a transparent veil, and there was a Sun-flower, and three little maids like Fatimas in silver and gold and silken tissue with long plaits, a bunch of Forget-me-nots of the tiniest size and Rose-buds, and a sweet young, very young, Swiss Bride, but it is impossible to do justice to them all, the list must do its best. The fine garden of St. Vincent's was filled to overflowing, the walks being considerately carpeted for the occasion. After the gay little people had had tea in varied groups at tables in the garden they played at divers games, a kind grown-up doing a gentle madman in a huge mask to please and frighten the children by turn. Then they sat in a semi-circle in three tiers, and were photographed at different distances after slight jibbing on the part of a few timid little souls. The picture ought to be a success, for to the naked eye it was a pretty sight, but we know the eye of the kodak is a horrid grim thing that glares and fidgets the very little people it wants to reflect for ever and ever. Released from sitting for their portraits, the merry crowd trooped into the house, where Mrs. Dimmock had ready a large room, and games were the order of the day until it was dark enough in another saloon for the magic lantern, which took the children to many places and gave them much entertainment, wise as well as comic. Fireworks came next in the wonders of the afternoon, and presently a variegated standard "Goodnight" stared everyone in the face, and the little ones realised that the Fairy scene was over for that day. Good-byes were exchanged and the dainty little actors and actresses flitted away with their nineteenth century parents, who seemed to enjoy the party as much as the children. The following were the costumes:—

Dorothy Dimmock	Fairy
Hereward Dimmock	Pierrot
Jean Gordon Leask	Red Riding Hood
Allan G Leask	Jack Tar
Stella Prior de Saono	Neapolitan Dancing Girl
Charley Childe	Neapolitan Fisherman
Katherine Childe	Kate Greenaway
Margaret Remington	Lady of the Bombay Hunt
Maud Trevithick	Red, White and Blue
Rob Trevithick	Pierrot
Eglantine Blant	Fairy
Edward Glazebrook	Little Boy Blue
Noel Macbeth	A Clown
Tilly Stevens	Forget-me-not
Michael Macmillan	Neapolitan Fisherman
Jack Chitty	Jester
Theo Stillmann	German Peasant
Bapoo Jehangir	Norwegian Peasant Girl
Doris Mitchell	Rose-buds
Bertie Stevens	Pierrot
James Ingils	Romeo
Frederick Curtis	Beefeater
Mabel Curtis	Fairy
Dorothy Nicholson	Cherry Ripe
Emily Cursetjee	Sunflower
Mozelle Sassoon	Flower Girl
Diana Deane	Erin
Marjorie Campbell	Lampshade
Dorothy Fawcett	My Grandmother
Aileen Edith Ward	Sola Bride
Nesta Harvey	Forget-me not
Guy Nicholson	Clown
Barbara Nicholson	Japanese Lady
Hanifa B. Tyebji	
Hirafa B. Tyebji	
Sofia B. Tyebji	
Mesema B. Tyebji	
Master N. M. Ranade	Raja
Master Hatch	A Pack of Cards
Master Arnold Jenkins	Japanese Girl
Molly Chandler	Forget-me-no:
Enid Remington	Gunil
Najibjibai	Princess of Butterflies
Master Luvaries	Gnome
Gwyneth Dick	Flower Girl
Muriel Thompson	Little Bo-Peep
Edie Thompson	Snow Queen
Nancy Woolcombe	Little Bo Peep
Vera Remington	Stella
Blythe Master Binning	Miss Colcey Hatch
aster Branson	Napoleon I
Master Branson, junior	Napoleon II
Master Branson, minor	Napoleon III
Miss Heyman	The Ladies Field

DEATH OF PROFESSOR SAMUEL COOKE.

WE deeply regret to record the death of Professor Samuel Cooke, M.A., Principal of the College of Science in Poona, which took place in England, on Sunday last, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. He was very ill when he left for home a few months since; and unfortunately the change of scene and climate did not appear to have benefited him. Our London correspondent informed us three days ago of the alarming accounts he had heard of the health of Dr. Cooke. He was said to be suffering from an internal malady which is generally regarded as incurable, and his recovery was hardly to be hoped for. The prognostication has unhappily turned out to be correct in the close of a very valuable life.

Professor Cooke joined the service in December 1868, being then in the twenty-fourth year of his age, with the degree of Master of Arts, and was appointed Professor of Chemistry and Geology in the Engineering College at Poona. He was admitted in the graded service of the Educational Department on the 1st March 1873; and from April to July 1875, officiated as Principal of the Civil Engineering College in Poona. After a furlough to Europe from March 1877 to November 1878, Dr. Cooke was, on his return to this country in the latter month, appointed Professor of Chemistry and Geology in the Civil Engineering College. Two years later he officiated as Principal of the College of Science, and had another furlough to Europe from December 1882 to November 1883. In the latter month, on his return to Poona, he took up the duties of Professor of Chemistry and Geology in the College of Science. From February 1884, Dr. Cooke had been off and on discharging satisfactorily the responsible duties of Principal of the College of Science, in addition to his own duties as Professor of Chemistry and Geology, until October 1893, when he was confirmed in the substantive appointment of Principal of the College of Science in the second grade of the Education Department. He was promoted to the first grade in April 1897, in which month the state of his health compelled him to obtain another furlough to Europe for one year and seven months. Dr. Cooke published some valuable lectures on Chemistry and Astronomy, and a text-book on Mechanics, which have been of great value to students preparing for the University examinations. He was a very popular member of Poona Society; and his death will be widely regretted among all classes of the community.

MADAME KOENIG'S CONCERT.

ON Tuesday evening, a concert arranged by Madame Koenig was held in the Town Hall, Bombay, when a large audience was present. The programme was long, and the items were chiefly by classical composers, and rendered in a highly creditable style by the various artistes, the listeners by their plaudits showing that they appreciated the contributions. The Governor's Band, conducted by Herr Koenig, opened the entertainment with a well played selection from "Lohengrin," by Wagner, and was followed by Mr. Basil Scott, who gave an excellent and calm interpretation of Schubert's "Standchen." Madame Schultz rendered Mendelssohn's "Winterlied," in effective voice and her clear enunciation was a marked feature of the effort. The programme was then varied with a pianoforte solo by H. E. Lady Sandhurst, in which her Ladyship's firm, distinct interpretation of the theme gave much pleasure. The piece selected was a "song" from "Obernese."

One of the most appreciated items was the solo, "Ave Maria," from Mascagni's charming opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana," by Mrs. Fendall, and her rendering won golden opinions from the audience, who accorded an encore. The accompaniment to this song was very fine, and deserves special mention. Madame Lily Howard followed with Adam's well-known song, "The Holy City," which was given with considerable feeling, the artiste coming in for well-deserved applause. Owing to Mrs. J. W. P. Muir Mackenzie not being able to sing through slight indisposition, Madame Koenig, as a substitute played a violin solo, the music being her own composition. It was executed with much skill, and the tuneful air running through the piece is pleasing to listen to. The first part of the programme was concluded with a part song, "The Silent Land" (Gaul), given without accompaniment by thirty-two voices, under the conductorship of Colonel Martin. On resuming Madame Koenig and Mr. J. W. P. Muir Mackenzie played a violin duet, "Concerto in D Minor" (Bach), being followed by Mrs. Fendall, whose exquisitely trained voice was again welcomed enthusiastically in her rendition of Lord Somerset's song, "Pray for me." A duet from Mozart, "La ci darem" (Don Giovanni), by Mrs. Stanley Smith and Mr. Medley, was well sung, and then Mrs. Branson, in national costume, rendered a Russian song, "My dear Moscow" (Derker Schenk). The song was given in her own inimitable style, and at its termination received thunderous applause, which was acknowledged by Mrs. Branson singing "Home, Sweet Home." A violin solo, "Fantasie Caprice" (Vieuxtemps), was then played by Madame Koenig, in executing which her skill and manipulation of her instrument was manifest. This was followed by a violin duet by the same lady and her daughter, Miss Koenig. The piece played was Beriot's, "The Wave," and its meritorious performance was also duly recognised and appreciated. The concert terminated with a musical trio by Miss Koenig and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dove, Bellini's overture, "Norma," being the piece chosen, and was effectively executed. The concert was most successful, and the really excellent accompaniment throughout was a helpful factor in achieving this end.

BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

THE list of business to be brought forward at a Meeting of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations, to be held in the Council Hall, at 2 p.m. to-day includes the following items:—

Questions put by the Honourable Mr. Gokuldas Kahandas Parekh by the Honourable Mr. Dajf Abaji Khare by the Honourable Mr. Dhondo Shamrao Garud and by the Honourable Meherban Narayanrao Govind alias Babasaheb Chief of Ichalkaranjee.

PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL.

1 Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider Bill No. III of 1893 (a Bill to make better provision in the City of Bombay and elsewhere for preventing the adulteration of Ghee and other articles of human food).

2 Memorandum from Mr. P. R. Desai, Pleader District Court Ratnagiri dated the 20th February 1899 regarding Bill No. III of 1893.

3 Letter from the Commissioner Central Division No. p.—481 dated the 24th February 1899 and its accompaniment referred to in the reply to question No. 1 put by the Honourable Mr. Dhondo Shamrao Garud.

BILLS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to make better provision in the City of Bombay and elsewhere for preventing the adulteration of Ghee and other articles of human food—*Second Reading.*

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. Narayan Ganesh Chandavarkar will propose an amendment in the Bill to make better provision in the City of Bombay and elsewhere for preventing the adulteration of Ghee and other articles of human food (No. III of 1893) as amended in Select Committees.

The Honourable Mr. H. Bat

sweet will of his landlord, who generally lets out his land to the highest bidder, ignoring the past services of his former tenants.

(8) To appreciate one of the innumerable hardships and the cunning to which the tenant is subject the khot's mode of measurement should be taken into consideration. When the khot gives away as a loan some measures of grain he invariably does so by making it horizontal (with the brim of the measures); but in return when he receives his loan, he is welcome to take them with the measures filled over the brim like a taper; add to this the condition that he is to receive approximately, thirteen seers to ten he gives away. The one and thousand ways of hoodwinking the ignorant tenant in calculations of interest would shock a Newton, whose pure mathematics are so horribly tampered with.

These are some of the complaints, and they are, when compared with the reality, a mere shadow of the substance.—Yours, &c.,

Sion, March 1. R. P. DESAI.

THEFTS IN BOMBAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Thefts in the Native Town are now more numerous and frequent than ever. A considerable number of the native population of Bombay have left the city for fear of plague and found quarters in the suburbs, taking with them as much as is absolutely necessary to keep body and soul together, and leaving their residences and belongings to the care and protection of the police. But the budmashes of Bombay, taking advantage of their total absence have found this the best opportunity of driving their predatory trade and the result is the occurrence of burglaries and thefts. Most of the people who have deserted the city, have no complain of something or other of their belongings having been stolen or lost, and although the complaints regarding thefts very frequently appear in newspapers, yet there seems to be little or nothing done by the police to prevent them. People who have left the city have to contend against two evils —fear of plague on the one hand and fear of thieves on the other. In such a dilemma their condition can be more easily conceived than described. With the addition of the police to their original strength what protection do they get for the safety of their property left in their houses in Bombay? Sometimes the thefts occur not only in lanes and bye-laness, but even on the highways and public road, the entrances to which are guarded by the police. Will the Commissioner of Police kindly look to this matter and protect the people against the attacks of robbers?—Yours, &c.,

VOX POPULI.

Dadur, Feb. 25.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA.

At the annual meeting of shareholders held in Madras on Monday, February 13, the Chairman, Mr. R. G. Orr referred to the price of the shares. He said:—I will not keep say as President of the Bank and also speak on behalf of my colleagues, that we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the fluctuations in the prices of shares. In the face of the fact that we have 13 lacs over and above the Capital in Reserve it appears to me silly beyond words for bonafide share holders to sacrifice their shares merely upon loose and in most cases malicious and false rumours and without making any enquiry of the Executive, I am glad to say that our oldest shareholders did not lose their heads, for nearly all transfers have been by members of short standing, some of whom have been under the necessity of realising at a time when no money was available and the value of shares of all descriptions had gone down. If I may be permitted to introduce personal matters perhaps you will excuse my mentioning that as a proof of our own faith in the Bank, I have since June increased my holdings very largely and my colleagues have done the same. Doubtless dealers and share jobbers have improved each shining hour as they were entitled to do and we do not grudge them their arnings. We have had but a few letters of complaint from shareholders who seem to have been satisfied by the replies they have received, while others expressed their confidence and approval to the Board's action last year and condemned as suicidal the recent attempts at agitation and have also kindly borne in mind the uniform success and development that has attended the Bank. This brings me to the crux of our whole position. Gentlemen;—either you can or you cannot trust your Board. If you consider them to be men of character, *trust* them implicitly and give them your real confidence. If you do not trust them, then by all means appoint others. No middle course is possible; no Board can carry on its work without the fullest confidence of shareholders, who must not credit every idle report, too frequently realated from sinister motives, or allow their credulity to be imposed upon until at least they have done their best to ascertain the truth; I am bound to say that shareholders sometimes display an extraordinarily elementary acquaintance with finance questions. In order to show you what the Bank has accomplished let me ask your attention to the following statistics. First as to the *Progress* of the Bank. Taking two prominent and successful Banks in the North, which we will call A and B the following was the position after 12½ years working of each Bank and I am sure I would only spoil these figures by offering any comment.

Comparative figures at the close of 12 1-2 years working.

	31-12-77 A.	31-12-66 B.	30-6-98 Commercial.
Capital	3,75,000	5,00,000	37,43,000
Reserve ...	62,163	2,10,000	11,58,574
Working Capital ...	19,90,616	53,22,039	1,90,55,128

Again, as to dividends we have paid to shareholders in *dividends* including the present one at 8 per cent.,—to the end of 1898, Rs. 15,23,000. As *Interest* to depositors the Commercial has paid no less a sum than Rs. 45,11,160, while at the end of 1898, our Reserves and Rest stood at Rs. 13,37,417, besides leaving intact the capital itself at 40 lacs. Do you know Gentlemen, do you realize that the whole of the paid up capitals of the 6 Mofussil Banks in Northern India including such excellent institutions as the Alliance and the Allahabad Banks, do not amount to 35 lacs of rupees whereas we alone offer to the Public 40 lacs (besides Reserves) as security for its deposits. Surely these figures do not indicate laxity of management or anything but remarkable success. But I will next show you figures as to management and as to our position comparing results with three of the most flourishing Banks in India, all having larger working capital than we possess.

	A.	B.	C.	Commercial Bank.
Percentage of Capital and Reserve to Deposits ...	35	118	77	429
Percentage of Cash and Investments to Liabilities ...	69	33	271	572
Percentage of Properties and Dead Stock to Capital and Reserves ...	95	27	191	75

Gentlemen, are these not splendid figures for the Commercial Bank? And lastly, with regard to bad debts or losses, which some people wish you to believe are appalling, I find that the losses and depreciations at Head Office and Branches, since the Bank opened in 1833 including shortfalls in workings at new branches, have amounted to a very small fraction of the total sums advanced and dealt with. We should have been glad had it been less or even none at all, but Gentlemen, we confess we are very haman and can only say we have done our best. As to the staff, the shareholders are fortunate in having a remarkably good one; well trained and zealous in their duties, I believe they would go anywhere and do anything for their Secretary and Treasurer. As to Mr. Stranack he had always said that he claimed him as the best Banker in India, and he believed might say as good a Banker as they could find outside. There was absolutely no reason therefore why they should not face the future with confidence and hope, and relying upon the trained and proved experience of their Staff, discard foolish and unfounded adverse rumours as in no way constituting a fair and safe element of criticism with regard to this Bank.

A REMARKABLE ENTERPRISE.

It is to be hoped that "The Times" (London) is realizing some small profit in its bold enterprise in connection with the Encyclopædia Britannica. In offering that great library at less than half price and then delivering the entire set into the subscribers hands when but Rs. 20 of this small price has been paid "The Times" shows a confidence in public honesty, as well as in its own methods, that would have been surprising even if the proposition had been brought forth by a less conservative institution than "The Times." To an outsider, who knows something of the cost of producing so magnificent a work, it hardly seems creditable that the enterprise could result other wise than in financial loss to its propagators. But whatever may be the resultant, loss or gain to "The Times," there can be no question as to the beneficent influence this distribution of high class literature must have upon the future of India. A set of the Encyclopædia Britannica placed in a home, is sure to become a nucleus for an ever expending library, for its possessor will intuitively begin to add volume after volume until he has collected a creditable home library.

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THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	24	8	16
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	18	4	33
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panasawadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbarwada ...	50	14	51
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Malabarhill ...	31	21	36
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	44	18	70
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	14	12	26
G Mahim and Worli ...	17	10	25
Water Division ...	0	1	1
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals ...	0	86	99
Total ...	198	174	358
Total plague deaths to date ...	36,748	32,552	
Same date last year ...	197	172	299

DAMAUN.

On Sunday there were two deaths from plague at Lower Damaun, being a septuagenarian Sootar and a Bhundari female, both of Katheria. While plague is prevailing in Lower Damaun, some Hindu marriages are in contemplation even in infected localities. In Kansar Vad, which is more or less infected, four marriages are arranged among the Kansara caste, the bridegrooms with their relatives and friends coming from Bulsar and Pardi. As soon as the Plague Commissioner came to know that the marriage festivities were to take place in the midst of plague, he informed the parties that on no account would he admit the marriage guests to enter the city, but they were welcome to celebrate the marriages outside the city, in the mandwas.—A Sootar of Kansar Vad, having two sons and a daughter, intended to perform the marriages of the eldest son and daughter on Monday, the latter being betrothed to a boy at Navibil. Three days ago the second son was attacked with plague, whereupon the Plague Commissioner intimated to the Sootar that he would not allow a marriage to take place in the infected house. The younger son died on Monday, and the elder son and also the sister of the bridgroom at Navibil were attacked. In pursuance of the peremptory order of the Plague Commissioner, residents of 15 houses, mostly on the main road in Katheria, have evacuated and more are about to evacuate, some hundreds of mandwas being erected on the ground of Mr. Sorabji Damaunwala, who permits the same to be built with one condition, that there should be a distance of at least 100 fathoms between one mandwa and the next.

Three days ago, an old Hindu woman residing at Damaz Sim, situate between Dholar and Chitia Vad, was attacked with plague, whereupon the inhabitants of the place, with the knowledge of the favourable results obtained by the measures at Chitia Vad and Dholar, of their own accord evacuated their houses and went to reside in mandwas, which they at once erected, and isolated the woman and segregated the members of her family. The Plague Commissioner was pleased to find that his measures had been imitated, and signified his approval of their action, and supplied them with antiseptic water. The woman subsequently succumbed to the attack. Another old woman of the Sarotia caste, in Sarotia Vad, consisting of a dozan houses, beyond Dholar, has been attacked with plague and at the persuasion of the Plague Commissioner all the residents have vacated their houses and gone to reside in the mandwas.

BANDORA.

There were 4 attacks and 3 deaths from plague reported within the limits of the Bandora Municipality, on Wednesday.

BOMBAY PLAGUE RELIEF FUND 1898.

Amount of subscriptions received and paid to the credit of the Fund into the Bank of Bombay up to 31st December, 1898, Rs. 18402-11-0.

The following amounts have been distributed during the second half ending 31st December 1898 in affording relief to widows, children and others rendered destitute or who suffered through the Plague Epidemic and to patients while in and on their discharge from the Hospitals:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Disbursement as per former published account	8,080	11	6
Less amount subsequently refunded not having been spent ...	50	11	0
	Rs. 8,030	0	6
Through the Chairman Plague Committee ...	33	2	0
Through Khan Bahadur M C Murzban, C I E	320	4	0
Through Arthur Road Hospital by Khan Bahadur Dr N H Choksey ...	300	0	0
Through Rai Bahadur Kiapa Balaram ...	59	1	0
Through Revd Father A Bruder S J St Anne's Church Byculla ...	390	0	0
Through Revd Father A M Faria, Vicar, Dabool Church ...	115	0	0
Through P V Muller ...	230	0	0
Through treasurer of the Society of St Vincent de Paul Grant Road Conference ...	101	8	0
Through G Lund Esqr Visiting Justice Mazagon and Tarwady ...	311	10	0
Through Col T A Freeman ...	93	8	0
Through Sister Ursula Bandra Convent ...	50	0	0
Through James Macdonald Esqr Visiting Justice Byculla ...	100	0	0
Through Revd E S Hume, American Mission Byculla ...	100	0	0
Through Khan Bahadur Abdool Ruzzak bin Curtes ...	65	0	0
Through Medical Officer, Maharata Hospital...	18	0	0
Through H V Firth Esqr District Plague Officer, E Ward, East ...	201	1	0
Through J W Brackenbury District Plague Officer, B Ward South ...	16	8	0
Through G Worneford Esqr, District Plague Officer, C Ward ...	150	0	0
Through W Trench Esqr, District Plague Officer C Ward West ...	50	0	0
Through Captain C Wood, District Plague Officer D Ward ...	30	0	0
Through Assistant Superintendent, Bandora Slaughter House ...	20	0	0
Through Dr L Godinho, Deputy Health Officer	50	0	0
Through Dr K A Dolliaikhar, Deputy Health Officer ...	80	0	0
Through Dr K B Shroff, Deputy Health Officer	50	0	0
Through Dr Ebrahim Abdool Hussain Deputy Health Officer ...	10	0	0
Through Dr M H Bhatandekhar, Deputy Health Officer ...	20	0	0
Through Dr H N Seerval, Special Medical Officer ...	45	0	0
Through Dr D Bardi, Special Medical Officer	30	0	0
Through Inspector J Powell Health Dept. ...	30	0	0
Through Inspector J Ringrow, Health Dept ...	25	0	0
Through Inspector M Desnier, Health Dept ...	71	0	0
Amount paid to various persons through the Health Dept Office ...	653	0	0
Allowance to a Clerk ...	120	0	0
Cheque Book and incidental expences ...	3	14	9
Total ... Rs.	11,942	9	3
Disbursement ...	11,942	9	3
Cash in hands of various gentlemen for future Disbursement to be subsequently accounted for and with Health Dept Office ...	1,862	4	9
Balance in Bank of Bombay ...	4,597	13	0
	Rs. 18,402	11	0

W. L. HARVEY,
Chairman.
GHELLABHAI HARIDASS,
Honorary Treasurer.

Bombay, 27th February, 1899.

The following additional subscriptions have been paid to the credit of the account with the Bank of Bombay up to 28th February:—

	Rs.	a.
Amount previously acknowledged ...	21,422	11
From a Friend ...	10	0
Total...	21,432	11

W. L. HARVEY,
Municipal Commissioner.

GALLANT RESCUE.

A correspondent writes:—Satur, a small settlement about fifty miles away from Tuticorin, was the scene of a panic the other day. A woman, while drawing water from a rather deep well, tumbled in, and every native in the vicinity immediately commenced to howl, without the least idea of rendering assistance. The woman was on the point of sinking for the third time, when Mr. W. L. Nicker, engineer in charge of Messrs. Ralli Brothers' Press at Satur, appeared on the scene very opportunely, and without any hesitation jumped in the water and kept the woman afloat till a rope was lowered and the rescue was completed. Mr. Nicker ran no small risk of losing his own life, and on this account his action is all the more courageous. He is the son of Mr. Nicker, Superintendent of Way and Works on the B. B. & C. I. Railway.

ARRIVAL OF THE R. I. M. S. DALHOUSIE.

The Royal Indian Marine steamer Dalhousie, Commander St. L. S. Warden, arrived in harbour, yesterday, from Rangoon, which Port she left on the 20th February, with the 2nd Royal Scots, consisting of officers, 356 non-commissioned officers and men, 4 women, 17 children, 23 followers and 2 charges, 1 medical officer 1 assistant surgeon and 2 ward servants. The above troops were landed at the Sassoon Dock and were despatched to Poona, where they are stationed. The Dalhousia experienced fine weather during the voyage. She will again leave for Rangoon on the 6th instant, with the headquarter wing of the 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. The following are the names of the officers:—Lieut.-Colonel Ross, Captain Duncan, Lieuts Tweedie, Garwood and Dysdale, 2nd Lieut. Gladstoned Captain and Qr.-Mr. Fuller, 2nd Royal Scots, Major Kiddle, R A M C, and Assistant Surgeon Carrick.

EUROPEAN GENERAL HOSPITAL NURSING FUND.

We publish below the first list of subscriptions and donations to the St. George's Hospital Nursing Fund —a sufficient proof that the commercial community at any rate are willing to contribute towards the expenses of nursing the hospital. Government contribute Rs. 350 a month, and nearly double that amount the Committee have to find to meet the cost. Fortunately they obtain some Rs. 350 a month from the interest on the Endowment fund collected in 1895, when Nursing was first introduced into Bombay, and the Port Trust also contribute in proportion to the number of seamen who visit the hospital.

The Committee are now in communication with Government regarding a site for additional Nurses' Quarters and a portion of the donations will be set aside for the new building.

The following subscriptions and donations have been received or promised since January, 30th 1899:—

DONATIONS.

	Rs.
C B Lynch ...	300
Clan Line of Steamers ...	250
Wilson Line of Steamers ...	250
Anchor Line of Steamers ...	250
R I M S Clive ...	100
The Hansa Line ...	100
The "Times of India" ...	150
Messrs W and A Graham and Co ...	100
The P & O S N Co ...	100
The National Bank Staff ...	100
The Chartered Bank Staff ...	100
Messrs Gaddum and Co ...	100
H M Phipson ...	100
R S Brown ...	100
R Gilbert ...	100
Mount Ida Chummery ...	150
Messrs Ewart Latham and Co ...	100
The Hongkong Bank Staff ...	85
The Comptoir National Bank ...	80
The Mercantile Bank Staff ...	60
Messrs Graham and Co ...	50
" Lyon and Co ...	50
" S Rose and Co ...	50
" Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co ...	50
" Geo Service and Co ...	50
The Commercial Bank ...	50
F Heyer ...	50
Mess A Blaschcek and Co ...	50
Messrs Clade and Co ...	50
" Owen and Okell ...	50
G C	
Messrs P Chrystal and Co ...	50
The Hon'ble Mr Justice Russell ...	50
Fred Yorke Smith ...	50
A Abercrombie ...	50
E M Slater ...	50
Sassoon J David ...	50
Messrs J Duxbury and Co. Ltd ...	25
A Simpson ...	25
A Foulkes ...	25
F C Macrae ...	25
J Tintner ...	25
P R Wilson ...	25
R W Duglop ...	25
Messrs P Fischer and Co ...	25
H B Thurbern ...	25
T W Cuffe ...	25
I M Shields ...	25
E A B Aeworth ...	30
E Schoon ...	25
P ...	25
W. ... ainey Smith ...	25
H. Stauber ...	25
I C G Bowen ...	30
G Prier de Saone ...	25
F D Stranack ...	25
P B Savile ...	25
F C Allen ...	50
A Speakman ...	15
A S Leresche ...	10
W Leslie Firth ...	10
J W Stocks ...	10
Total ...	4100

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Rs.
The Credit Lyonnais ...	100
Messrs Volkart Bros ...	100
" Wallace and Co ...	100
" Grindlay Groom and Co ...	100
" Kerr Tarruck and Co ...	100
" Turner Morrison and Co ...	100
" Thos Cook and Son ...	100
" Sandey and Co ...	100
" King King and Co ...	100
A B Dunnett ...	100
Messrs Wm Watson and Co ...	100
The "Advocate of India" ...	100
Wallace Bros Staff ...	60
Wm Murray ...	50
Messrs Lund and Blockley ...	50
" Evans and Fraser ...	50
J Neuberg ...	50
Messrs Asquith and Lord ...	50
" Richardson and Cruddas ...	50
" M Ostermayer and Co ...	50
" Fleming Shaw and Co ...	50
O C Owen ...	50
H C Wright ...	50
M F Reid ...	50
E Seymour Hale ...	50
Messrs Bertie Smith and Co ...	50
C R Lowndes ...	50
Messrs Hill Son and Grenan ...	50
G C Whiteworth ...	50
Messrs Ralph Douse and Sons ...	50
" Grindlay Groom and Coy's Assistants ...	45
" Ferguson and Irvine ...	39
" Marks and Co ...	25
" B Smyth and Co Ltd ...	25
J Aspinall ...	25
J C Kiddle ...	25
H A H Payne ...	25
Messrs Th Vafindis and Co ...	25
R Quintaba ...	25
M Barr ...	25
Messrs Thomson and Taylor ...	25
" R H Roberts ...	25
C E Randle ...	25
M T Carrol ...	25
F A Frevost ...	25
J Stanley Smith ...	25
C Armstrong ...	20
F Masotti ...	15
Charles Brown ...	15
H Finkelntoin ...	10
H Breelauor ...	10
E Alltree ...	10
D Melanchlan Slater ...	10
R Patterson Brown ...	10
S M Moses ...	10
H G W Matlo ...	10
F Thesiger ...	10
R Harter ...	10
J A Lord ...	10
B ...	10
Sydney L Wyatt ...	10
J A Bland ...	10
E W Noble ...	10
E R Smetham ...	10
S S Story ...	5
Total ... Rs.	2739

L. R. W. FOREST,
Honorary Secretary,
St. George's Hospital Nursing Fund.

March 1.

CURIOUS BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

AN ANSWER IN PRAYER.
£200 DAMAGES.

At Essex Assizes, Chelmsford, an action for breach of promise of marriage was brought by Miss Florence Edna Markswell, aged 25, forewoman in a printing works at Leyton, against John Benjamin Gotts, clerk in her Majesty's Stationery Department. It appeared that the parties resided at Chandos-street, Startford, and were connected with the Erith-road Mission. They became engaged in due course, and a lot of correspondence ensued, the defendant occasionally breaking into poetry, and incorporating into his letters pen and ink sketches. He assured the plaintiff that his love was increasing but in 1898 he visited Hastings, and it was suggested that there he met another lady. At any rate after his return a change came over his feelings, and he broke off the engagement, stating that God had talked to him about this matter, that he must do what God wanted him to do, and that God wanted him to do his work alone.

The plaintiff stated that when she heard rumours about another young lady, she spoke to defendant about it, to which he rejoined that there was no truth in them. When he talked about God she said "I am afraid that you are thinking more about the young lady than about God." He replied, "Edna, you are right!" He asked her to forgive him, and she replied that she could not do that unless he had an answer from God in prayer. They then took off their rings, and prayed together. After a quarter of an hour's devotional exercise, defendant rose from his knees, and after kissing her, placed their rings on again, saying God had joined them together even more strongly than at first.

Mr. James Johnson, who has charge of the Erith Mission, stated that when the defendant told him that the Lord did not wish him to have the plaintiff for his wife, he said "I pray with her, for it is an awful thing to play with a young girl's affections."

The defence was that the defendant had been misled by the plaintiff telling him that there was nothing reflecting upon any member of her family, whereas one brother, it was said, had done something wrong.

Defendant admitted that notwithstanding what he heard, he wrote to the plaintiff as "his own dear darling, God-given wife," and "his precious darling."

The jury found for the plaintiff, awarding £200 damages.

The death is announced of Colonel Richard William Aldworth, of Newmarket, County Cork, in his seventy-third year. He was the eldest son of Richard Aldworth, who married Lady Letitia Hare, a sister of the second Earl of Listowel. Colonel Aldworth went through the China war as a subaltern in the 'forties, and subsequently took part in the Crimean war and the Indian campaign, and was referred to in despatches in connection with special acts of bravery. Having attained the rank of colonel in the Royal Fusiliers, he retired, and in 1863 married Lady Mary Bernard, eldest sister of the present Earl of Bandon. He held extensive estates in counties Cork, Kerry, and Limerick, which have been in the possession of the Aldworth family for centuries, the original grant having been made by King James I, in 1619 to Sir Richard Aldworth, who held the office of provost of Minister, and appointed chief leader of the army in the same province. Colonel Aldworth served in the office of high sheriff of Cork County, and has for many years as a magistrate and grand juror taken an active part in the public life of the South of Ireland.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE TAX ON CYCLES.

With reference to the decision of the Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court that a Cycle is a vehicle under the provisions of the Municipal Act, and that it is liable to be taxed, the *Rast Goftar* observes: We are inclined to believe that the decision is quite in consonance with the provisions of the Act, and that there are few chances of its being reversed if the proposed reference was made to the High Court in the matter. The tax seems to us to be equitable on the question of principle, but what is most to be desired is that, in order to encourage people to use cycles, the roads must be kept in constant repair, because the roads which might be considered tolerably good for horse carriages, are not quite fit for cycles. Vehicles drawn by animals are provided with springs, which do not after all give so much shaking as one has it on a cycle, and it is, therefore, absolutely necessary for the preservation of the cycles, and for a comfortable and safe riding on these vehicles, that the roads should be as level and without any holes and pits as possible. The roads in Bombay were in an extremely bad condition last year for want of funds in the municipal coffers, but even those which have since been repaired are not all that can be desired.

MISS MANNING.

The *Rast Goftar* thus refers to Miss Manning's philanthropic work in this country: Miss Manning, whose name is now a household word in India, left Bombay yesterday after her stay in India for some weeks. As remarked by Dr. Bhandarkar while addressing the assembly which met to do honour to the distinguished lady at Poona, though she might have led a life of ease, the benevolent lady had made it her ambition in life to do good to a subject race, and to promote friendly feeling and intercourse between the rulers and the ruled. The branches of the National Indian Association are doing good work in the various chief towns of India, and if there is one thing which the Association has done more than another, it is that the governing nation and the governed are brought into closer contact with one another, and that they now know each other better than before. Miss Manning has during her brief sojourn in this country enlisted the sympathies of the highest ladies in the land, viz. Ladies Curzon, Sandhurst and Woodburn, and it is to be hoped that with the strong support of these ladies, the Association will be better able to accomplish the noble object for which it is formed. Sir Charles Ollivant takes a deep interest in the success of the Association in Bombay. It is as much the duty of the educated inhabitants of this city to support the Association, as it is of paramount importance for European ladies and gentlemen to sympathise with the body.

DR. FAIRBAIRN AND MR. TATA.

Commenting on Dr. Fairbairn's address at the Town Hall on "Higher Education in England and India," the *Gujerati* writes: Nothing could have been a more splendid tribute of praise to Mr. Tata than the peroration in which he (Dr. Fairbairn) made a fervent appeal to the opulent and the wealthy of this great city to make the University her proudest boast and her greatest ornament. We do not know how far the grandeur of the goal that he so eloquently placed before the public will influence the views of some of the writers who, with parochial views, have ungraciously and unjustifiably rebuked the generous-hearted donor for his munificent charity. But Dr. Fairbairn's inspiring words will, no doubt, strengthen Mr. Tata in his patriotic resolve and confirm him in the conviction that his charity is being appreciated not only by the most thoughtful minds in India but even in distant lands.

AN INDIAN CRICKET TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

Regarding the reported despatch of a Cricket team from this country to England, the *Rast Goftar* discourses:—The closing of the present and the beginning of the next century will witness the departure from Bombay of a representative cricket team to try conclusions with some of the first-class teams of England. The whole thing seems to have been satisfactorily arranged by Mr. J. M. Patel, our doughty champion of sports, who has rendered himself responsible to a certain extent to find the sinews of war. His love for cricket, and his recent experience in England, will stand him in good stead, and there can be no doubt that the trip will prove as interesting and instructive one to the polyglot cricketers as it bids fair to be attended with a measure of success. Prince Ranjitsingjee is expected to captain the team, which is to include some of the best among the Hindu, Mahomedan, and Parsee players. With "Ranjit" as captain and "Jemi" Patel as the guide, philosopher, and friend of the team, success in all directions will be a foregone conclusion.

THE UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION.

The *Indian Spectator* is in favour of making the University Convocation a more showy or ceremonious affair than it was this year, and adds:—If our University authorities cannot make the annual Convocation a less commonplace affair than that of Wednesday last they had better send the diplomas by post to the graduates entitled to get them. The occasion is one of the few in the world, when ceremonial ceases to be meaningless. It is a function which could and should be made impressive in the highest degree. To the graduates who take their degrees, it is the threshold and starting point of the work of their lives. To the University, their *alma mater*, it is an equally solemn moment when her *alumni* walk out of her portals to mingle with, it may be to mould, the vast life without. The doors are thrown open, for the moment, of the sanctuary of Learning and, for the moment, "the deep pulsations of the world" are caught faintly in the Hall sacred to Science. It is the confluence of the stream of knowledge with the stream of life. It is therefore pre-eminently an occasion when by every means possible, by arrangements that appeal to the eye by orations that appeal to the soul, the greatness of knowledge, its great power and its great responsibility should be made visible and manifest to the children as well as to strangers.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S CONVOCATION ADDRESS.

Most of the native journals do not appear to be pleased with the address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor on last Convocation day. The *Rast Goftar* is an exception and writes in praise of it:—The chief them of the Vice-Chancellor's address at the Convocation was "The Leaders and the Led." The thesis was beautifully, though perhaps rather too elaborately developed. Before coming to the main point of his address, a brave departure was taken in giving as he, with the character of the eminent statesman, "the shadow of whose loss passed like an eclipse, darkening the world." The manifold traits of character which distinguished Mr. Gladstone in life and made him the hero and the "beau ideal" patriot, not only of England and Europe, but of the whole civilised world, were very fully and deftly illustrated by the Vice-Chancellor. We believe he full well merited the eulogy passed by the Chancellor for the dexterity with which he handled the subject. The Vice-Chancellor said "He who aspires to be a leader, and who has many qualifications for such a responsible post, must make up his mind to lead, and not to be led by public sentiment." This was the keynote of his address in drawing pointed attention to the way in which public opinion is being manufactured in Bombay in recent years. The hole and corner policy adopted by some of our social and political leaders, the cliques which they have formed, the followings that they have drawn behind them, have attracted the attention of the men in authority for years. From matters social and municipal, where certain cliques and their leaders have been known to work their way up, the spirit of impatience, and intolerance, the spirits of undue selfish regard for their own views and opinions has been carried into University circles.

The *Indian Spectator*, on the other hand, observes:—As for the Vice-Chancellor's address, what shall we say of it? Criticism declines to encounter so gentle, so well-intentioned, and, in parts, so suggestive an utterance in adverse attitude, while at the same time it is not able, though anxious, to accord to it the clean bill of complete approval. At a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, or some such body where the chief thing is to appeal to minds at varying stages of education and cultures, Mr. Justice Candy's paper would have been admirably appropriate. At the Convocation, however, the larger part of the first half of the speech, at any rate, sounded more or less irrelevant.

The *Gujerati* writes:—The Vice-Chancellor of the University is also a learned judge of our High Court, and has all along in his thirty years' judicial experience been accustomed to hear both sides of the questions he has had to decide. Some of the imperfections of the address would inherent in the character of the topics he took up for discussion. They are separated by a thin border-land from the all-absorbing non-academical questions of the day. He was necessarily forced to be a little reticent and guarded in some of his references, though he could be sufficiently free in other matters. If he was anxious not to import controversial elements into his convocation address, he has, in spite of himself very nearly trenched upon them, and we should not be surprised if it leads to a good deal of controversy on the debateable points upon which he dilated. If the University, as we are often told, is to be surrounded by a truly academic atmosphere, we should think that the convocation address should be equally academic in their character and tone.

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THE BISHOP GELL MEMORIAL.

A meeting of the committee of the above memorial was held on the 24th. Feb. Present:—The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. Arundel, (in the chair), the Ven'ble Archdeacon Elwes, the Rev. E. Sell and D. Anantam, Colonel Harvey Kelly, and Messrs. Reddy Branson, Rowlandson, H. Beauchamp, L. S. Moss, S. Sathianadhan and J. G. Smith.

A discussion took place regarding the organisation and utilisation of the Fund, and the following Resolutions were passed:—

I. That the funds collected for the memorial be devoted to the following objects: (a) and endowment for the Girl's School in Black Town now manage by the Bishop Corrie's Grammar School Committee (to be known in future, with that Committee's consent, as Bishop Gell's Girls School); and (b) Scholarships for the higher education of Native Christians, male and female.

II. That Mr B. Chester be invited to join the Committee.

III. That the following gentlemen be asked to form a Sub-Committee for collecting funds, etc.:—The Ven'ble Archdeacon Elwes, the Rev. E Sell, the Rev. A. Westcott, Mr. S. Sathianadhan, Mr. B. Chester and Mr. H. Beauchamp. And that the Rev. E. Sell be Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. H. Beauchamp Honorary Secretary.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL E. F. NICHOLSON, COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 2nd March, 1899.

1. The Battalion will parade on Saturday the 4th inst. at 4-45 p.m., at the Gymkhana and of the Parade Ground for Commanding Officer's Parade.

Cadets will be conveyed in special tram cars as follows.—St. Mary's College—Two double cars to leave Victoria Gardens, at 4 p.m.

2. The Prospectus of the Tactical Rifle Matches to be held at Santa Cruz on the 10th March 1899 has been sent to Officers Commanding companies and may be seen at Headquarters.

3. Government Resolution No. 833 dated 28th February 1899 is published for information:—

Captain T M English. Bo Vol Rifles is granted eight months leave out of india from the 5th March 1899.

4. Targets will be ready from 7 to 8 a.m., on Friday the 3rd instant at the Revolver Range of the 21st Bombay Infantry Marine Lines for all officers and sergeants who may wish to practice.

5 Company drills for the week—

D Company—At 8-30 p.m., to-day, Thursday the 2nd inst. at the Sir Richard Temple's Statue.

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Bombay, 2nd March, 1899.

1. The following drills will take place this week—

No. 1 Company (Town Hall Compound).

To-day at 8-45 p.m. Squad Drill.

No. 2 Company (Nesbit Road Head-quarters).

To-day at 8-45 p.m. R. M. L. Gun and Squad Drill.

2. The Proficiency Class will meet at the Nesbit Road Head-quarters to-day after drill.

3. The Corps will parade on Saturday next 4th instant as follows:—No. 1 Company at the Corps Club at 4 p.m. sharp and proceed to Pilot Bunder Colaba to continue the Annual Gun Target Practice.

Dress—Drill order without arms. Putties to be worn.

Cyclist may parade as usual.

No. 2 Company will proceed to Cooria for Class Firing. Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 2-30, 3,

WRITERS AND READERS.

Last year Mr. Arnot Reid, the editor of the "Straits Times," a Singapore paper, decided to visit England. He took the overland route, Peking to St. Petersburg, and he contrived to cover the distance between those two points in fifty days. He has written a book on the journey, and Mr. Arnold will publish it next week with a frontispiece and map. Mr. Reid travelled along the old routes of trade in Mongolia and the Desert of Gobi, and then by the Trans-Siberian Railway, which he describes. He devotes several chapters to the consideration of Chinese affairs, and he discusses the political future of Asia. The book will be called From Peking to Petersburg.

Almost thirty years ago Sir Walter Besant and Professor Palmer wrote in collaboration a history of Jerusalem. Sir Walter Besant is now revising the book and bringing it up to date for a new edition, which Messrs. Chatto are to publish. A second edition appeared in 1888, but history has been made since then even at Jerusalem. The original purpose of the authors, who were both keenly interested in Palestine, was to give a sketch of Jerusalem from about the year 30 up to modern times. Sir Walter will probably in the forthcoming issue have something to say of the Kaiser's recent visit to the ancient city.

Mr. Sheldon, the representative in London of Messrs. Appleton, the well-known American publishers, has been collecting some Darwin pictures for a new edition of his writings which that firm will publish. A life-size statue of the great naturalist stands before Shrewsbury College, where he was educated. A picture of it is to be given, as also one of his Royal Society gold medal, which has a really good portrait of him. There will also be a photograph, redrawn by Rejlander, and an etching of the Onslie painting. It may be mentioned that long before the Anglo-American Copyright Act came into operation, Messrs. Appleton published for Darwin in America on a royalty system.

Mr. Edward Heron-Allen has now prepared what is somewhat over-confidently described as a final study of FitzGerald's version of the Rubá'iyát of Omar Khayyam, with the original Persian sources collated and literally translated. Mr. Heron-Allen, it will be remembered, published last year a volume exhibiting the influence of the Ouseley MS. upon the poem, and his forthcoming work has been compiled with the object of setting at rest, once and for ever—again this confidence—" the vexed question of how far Edward FitzGerald's incomparable poem may be regarded as a translation of the Persian originals, how far as an adaptation, and how far as an original work. This he does by showing that of Edward FitzGerald's quatrains forty-nine are faithful and beautiful paraphrases of single quatrains to be found in the Ouseley or Calcutta MSS., or both ; forty-four are traceable to more than one quatrain, and may therefore be termed the composite quatrains ; and eight are accounted for in various other ways. Mr. Heron-Allen's volume is being published by Mr. Quaritch, bound in Persian green and gold. The publisher adds, as it seems to us in rather doubtful taste, the prophecy that purchasers will soon have the option of parting with it to great advantage. We have no doubt the book will be valuable and admirably printed, but it is only the public that can decide whether or not its price will rise in the market.

The work designated Longinus on the Sublime is familiar to students of classical literature. It is more than sixty years since the publication of the last English edition of it. Another, in which the Greek text has been edited after the Paris manuscript, is announced by the Cambridge University Press. It is the work of Professor Rhys Roberts, of the University College of North Wales, Bangor. Hickie's edition of 1836 had many English predecessors, among them being one by Zachary Pearce, of Cambridge, which appeared in 1724. An editor resuming the task to-day finds an immense quantity of fresh matter to deal with. Thus Professor Rhys Roberts's work will be rather a new book than a new edition.

When John Ruskin's works were printed and published by Messrs. Smith Elder and Co., it was customary at Christmas-times for him to inquire at the printing works how many were employed there, and on the information being supplied a Christmas-box in the shape of a small sum of money was given by Mr. Ruskin to every employ, from the overseer to the office boy. When proofs of his works were sent to him while residing at Denmark-hill, there was always a volunteer to take them, and on arrival if an office boy took them he was given a shilling and a supper, and if sent by a journeyman he received half-a-crown. One of Mr. Ruskin's peculiarities with regard to printing and printers was that he would never allow any of his work to be machined ; he insisted on hand presses being employed in the production of all his books and pamphlets.

Those who are interested in Johnsoniana, and they are legion, will soon be gratified by a new volume. The Johnson Club was formed fifteen years ago, on the centenary of Dr. Johnson's death, and its meetings are usually held at the Cheshire Cheese, Fleet-street. " At the earnest request of friends," the club is about to publish a volume of papers read at its quarterly suppers, amongst others by such well-known writers as Mr. Augustine Birrell and Dr. G. Birkbeck Hill. The volume is to be illustrated with a reproduction of the Reynolds portrait of Johnson, and by some other illustrations or head and tail pieces by Mr. Joseph-Pennell and Mr. F. C. Gould, also members of the club, and by other artists. These club papers will, by way of introduction, have an " elegant copy of verses " by Mr. George Radford, L. C. C., addressed to the two editors, Mr. John Sargeaunt and Mr. George Whale They also contribute essays to this volume, which is to be published by Mr. Fisher Unwin.

The first number of a new illustrated weekly, magazine and review, entitled Lords and Commons will shortly appear devoted to matters of Parliamentary interest, and conducted by Mr. F. Moir Bussy, of Hansard. It is to be on purely Parliamentary lines, and will appeal not only to Members of both Houses, but to all who are interested in Parliament or politics. Its size will be foolscap (the size of a Blue-book), and the price 6d. There will be thirty-two pages of reading matter and illustrations, and a feature will be made of special articles and reviews by Members of Parliament and experts in Parliamentary history and procedure. Amongst those contributing to the first number are Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Herbert Maxwell, the Hon. Horace Plunkett, Mr. T. M Healy, and Mr. Archibald Milman, C.B., as well as several of the most experienced Parliamentary journalists.

" This is a book of travel," says Mr. Foster Fraser in his preface, " but unlike other books of travel, it is not clever, or wise, or scientific. " He is speaking of his " Round the World on a Wheel, which Messrs. Methuen are now to publish within a few days. His meaning is that it contains nothing about anthropology or biology or archæology. It is simply a narrative of a bicycle ride of 19,237 miles—an archæologist could not be more accurate !—which occupied 774 days Mr. Foster Fraser and his companions did not shave for five months, and only washed occasionally. Thus, they had their own experiences, and these are illustrated by a hundred pictures.

Sarah Grand is now staying at Tunbridge Wells. She is just finishing a new novel. Lord Newton has translated Edmond About's volume, Trente et Quarante, for an English edition, which Mr. Arnold will publish. Mr. Macqueen will publish on the 18th inst. the novel, The Daughters of Babylon, which Mr. Wilson Barrett and Mr. Robert Hichens have based on the play of the same name. The first edition will be one of twenty thousand copies. Messrs. Chatto will publish Mary Unwin, a romance by the lady who writes as Alan St. Aubyn ; also Dick Donovan's new volume of detective stories. The Records of Vincent Trill. Messrs. Methuen will shortly commence the publication of an edition of those novels of W. M. Thackeray which have passed out of copyright. Each book will be in two or three small volumes, and will contain an introduction by Mr. Stephen Gwynn. Each volume will have a photogravure frontispiece.

Messrs Jarrold and Sons will shortly issue, in their six shilling novel series a story entiled A Stolen Idea, by Miss Elizabeth Godfrey and a volume of sketches and tales of Bosnian life entitled Selam" by Milena Mrazovic translated by Mrs Waugh Tacy will also publish a novel entitled Some Unoffending Prisoners by John Fulford Mr John Bickerdyke has written a romance of the s a entitled The Passing of Prince Rozan It will be published by Mr Thomas Burleigh Messrs Sands and Co will publish on the 17th a new novel entitled The Procession of Life by Horace Annesey Vachell The scene is laid in California, and the story touches at some length at some length on Christian Science Mrs Gertrude written another novel entitled A Daughter of the Vine which will be issued this spring by Service and Paton.

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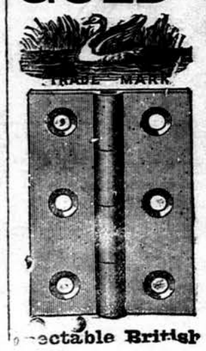

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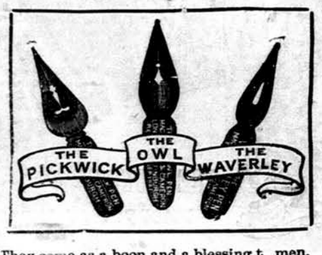

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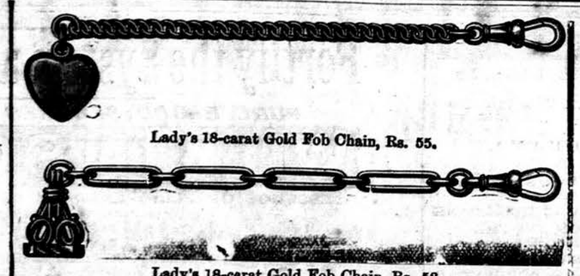

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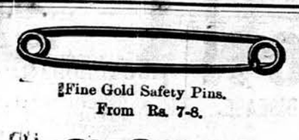

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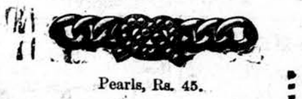

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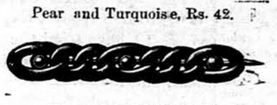

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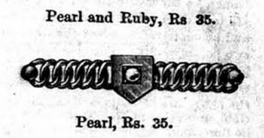

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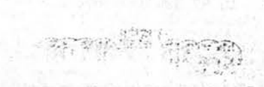

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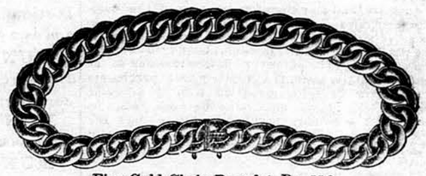

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